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Jan. 1. Begun my good friend, Mr. Hurst's Annotations upon the Minor Prophets, (in the continuation of Mr. Pool's) before family prayer, and perusal of the Diary since last sacrament before secret; endeavoured in both to get my hard heart somewhat moved in a due sense of the loss of so much precious time, as I have too unprofitably spent hitherto, and was not altogether unaffected in meditation thereof, and of the sparing mercy of God, in continuing so sinful a cumber-ground much longer than I had reason to imagine, and indeed, as long again as I expected, which is the greatest wonder, because as I am of a short-lived family, none of my brothers and sisters, uncles or aunts, or any of their posterity attain-

ing to their fiftieth year, which may be a just memento for me to be in constant readiness. Oh, good God, add this further blessing, that I may do much good in my generation, and by that means, and that alone, it will be a blessing: make me, O Lord, truly serviceable, and to do what good my poor private station may capacitate me for, that I may faithfully instruct my dear children, and the poor orphans that thy providence has committed to my charge, and oh, that they may all of them be thy children, and serve thee faithfully in their generations, for Jesus Christ's sake! Was in the afternoon with the Committee at the Charity-school.

2. Transcribing for Dr. Richardson, my Lord Archbishop of York's most accurate treatise of the Silver Moneys of England.

6. Visited by Mr. Parker, the benefactor, who lent me his uncle Sunderland's will, whence transcribing an account of his benefactions.

Feb. 1. This day the Mayor, the High Sheriff of the county, and our excellent Recorder, received the Sacrament in the parish church in respect of their new offices; as also my cousin Kirshaw's Black, the first baptized negro that ever received the sacrament in these parts, that good family having taken much pains to instruct him in the Christian religion.

3. Concluded notes from Speed's History of Great Britain, which I have read quite through with great satisfaction, being by much the most judicious and complete body of English History that I know of,

from the British and Roman times, to the beginning of King James I.

4. Walked with Mr Bevot to Crossflats and Beeston, to visit Mr. Hill; heard of the death of my good friend the learned Mr. Joseph Hill of Rotterdam.

13. At the funeral of old cousin Hicks (the last of that name in this town) and heard of the death (26th Jan.) of Mr. Jackson, of Dublin, a native of this parish, an ingenious, sober, obliging young gentleman, and my kind friend, who procured for me some curiosities, and designed many more; was much concerned thereat.

15. I walked to the charity-school (pursuant to an order the last committee) to supervise the children; was very well satisfied therewith, Lord be blessed!

20. Disturbed by a cross neighbour, who brought a Jury to present an ancient water-course, which I have living witness was not only used *anno* 1660, but uncontroverted, and looked upon as an immemorial privilege of this house, yet his brother being the foreman, would not suffer the Jury to view anything on this side or hear any argument in my behalf. Lord, right the innocent! Evening, reading original letters, part of a valuable present received this day from Oxford.

21. Perusing ditto Dr. Hudson's curious present of original letters from many learned Professors of the last century.

. At Court, where the matter of purchase of [illegible] parts of the toll was referred to the Mayor,

Recorder, three aldermen, and as many common-councilmen, to treat with us. Was after with Esquire Brandling. Evening, with the Recorder at Court at the treat of the two new members, cousin Dover and Mr. J.; stayed till almost ten.

March 2. Perusing the original MSS. of the Popish Compositions for their recusancy, 1629-30.

13. Taking dimensions of the Church, as to length and breadth; most of day writing an account of it.

15. At Church about the new table of benefactors, which the Vicar had desired me to prepare an account of; taking the inscriptions upon the bells, &c.

April 17. To see the Queen's life-guards (in their return from the North, where, blessed be God, there was no occasion for them, notwithstanding the threatened invasion): afterwards with Esquire Arthington, perusing his Roman coins lately found at Cookridge.

18. Read good Mr. Masters (whom I knew at London) of the Duty of Submission to Divine Providence. Lord help me to practise suitably, that as thy providence presents me with frequent occasions (particularly a letter received yesterday from brother Idle, with unkind, not to say unjust reflections upon the dead and living,) I may be enabled to bear them with meekness and humility, patience and long-suffering, and with a cheerful and well-pleased mind as therein directed; but, alas! the ingratitude, &c. prevented sleep part of night. Lord pity me!

19. Walked with Mr. Pinson and Sir Henry Piers

to Armley, to visit Mr. Wilkinson; was pleased with the new house there for the minister, and several plants observed by the botanists in our walk. Was afterwards sent for by the High Sheriff and Corporation to the officers of the Queen's life-guards; stayed full late at the treat.

20. Had Brigadier Pulteney, Major Cornwall and other chief officers of the guards to view the collections; was then with Mr. George Plaxton from London, (at Alderman Milner's where dined;) parson Lowther, Mr. Boldero, &c.

23. Visited by the ingenious Sir Henry Piers to consult more authors and MSS. about his pedigree.

May 14. With several gentlemen to see the Marquis of Huntley and other Scotch lords that are (under guard of some of the Duke of Northumberland's regiment) sent prisoners to London, in reference to the late French invasion. After, with Sir Henry Piers, Mr. Neville, and Mr. Milner of Pudsay, fishing in the goit till very late.

17. Preparing for a journey to York. Lord grant thy favourable presence and protection from sin and all dangers! We found the way very deep, and in some places dangerous for the coach (that we walked on foot,) but the Lord preserved us from all evil accidents, that we got to our journey's end in safety, blessed be God!

18. Walked to Bishopthorpe to wait of his Grace, by whom, and his son and chaplains, very kindly received, but found too much company, that could not

have the opportunity to see the coins, &c. as I desired, (though I requested it not) but was much concerned to find my Lord Archbishop so much broke with age and infirmities since I was last at Bishopthorpe. After return, visited Mr. Gyles, &c.

19. Visited Mr. Wilcocks, saw his collection of birds, &c.; he kindly assisted me in some business. Was after at the Castle-yard at the election of Knights for the Shire, for which there were five candidates, *viz.* my Lord Downs, Sir William Strickland, Sir Arthur Kaye, his honour Wentworth, and Mr. Darcy, brother to the Earl of Holderness; had the opportunity of seeing many friends from all parts of the county. Was after dinner to visit Mr. Hodgson, the charitable Lady Hewley's chaplain; found him with Mr. Stockdale (a member of Parliament) at Dr. Colton's; heard several strange matters from him. After visited Mrs. Todd and Mrs. Hickson and Hawke. Evening at inn, crowded with vast multitudes.

20. So crowded in the inn that could have no opportunity of private prayer, but happily found in my walks one church open, where I retired; afterwards viewed the monuments and inscriptions; then with Mr. Empson upon administration account; visited the pious Dr. Fall, with whom dined; met with Sir Godfrey Copley and other friends of the Royal Society, in the Castle-yard, as Mr. Molesworth and Mr. Arthington. After reading Mr. Todd's memoirs, father and son, and Mr. Gunter's to

Mrs. Todd, made some additions from old papers and manuscripts, &c. Evening crowded at the inn, where most lay three in a bed, but got private lodgings.

21. After prayers at the minster, was at Mr. Fothergil's, viewing ancient manuscripts and curiosities; then with Mr. Townley; Mr. Ellis, the benefactor, who has promised me to give 60*l.* to our charity-school; also, had much satisfactory discourse with the pious old gentleman (aged eighty-one); at church. Invited by my kind friend Mr. Molesworth to dine with him, had the Earl of Holderness's company, Sir Ralph Blacket, Mr. Topham and Mr. Molesworth, jun. since Envoy for her Majesty at the great Duke of Tuscany's. Was after at the Castle-yard, and walking with Sir Henry Piers to show him the city.

22. Rose between three and four, the coach being hasted by Captain Crome (whose company we had) upon the Queen's business, that we got to Leeds by noon; blessed be God for mercies to me and my poor family!

June 7. Finished the perusal of Sir Henry Piers's very ingenious Description of the County of West Meath, a valuable manuscript given me by his grandson, a Baronet of both his names, who obliged me with several kind visits.

26. At the request of my dearest and dying aunt Idle (who was as an affectionate and pious mother to me and the other poor children of this family in our

tender age) received the blessed sacrament with her from our good Vicar.

July 5. Walked with my dear by Chapel-town and Gledhow to Gypton-well (whence my Lord Irwin, who comes thither in his coach daily, was but just gone) to enquire for conveniences for my dear child Richard's bathing.

10. Afternoon, at the importunity of Sir Henry Piers, rode with him, &c. to see Howley-hall, the seat of the famous Sir John Savile, first Alderman of Leeds, whose patent for Baron Savile of Pontefract was presented to me, and made my journey comfortable though severely wet. We rode thence by Atherton and Drighlington (by Archbishop Margaretson's free-school) to Tonge, to see Sir George Tempest's hall, a very delicate fabric not yet finished. I was especially pleased with a noble stair-case, curiously inlaid with elm, which by most persons is mistaken for walnut, being very finely variegated. We returned by Sir A. Danby's at Farnley, and the new house for the minister of Armly Chapel, by Wortley, passed the ford at Burley and got well home,—blessed be God for all mercies!

11. Concluded Mr. Tindal's Pentateuch, 8vo. whereof Genesis was printed "at Malborow in the land of Hesse," January 17, 1530; the other four at different presses for privacy in those dark ages. Oh, that as we have greater advantages we may make suitable improvements!

19. Went with my dear and Richard to St.

Peter's-well, who was dipped therein. Lord give a blessing!

22. Read parson Wilkinson's ingenious account of his voyage to Portugal and the Indies, which he wrote at my request, and presented me with the original manuscript.

26. Concluded Casaubon's excellent Treatise of Enthusiasma, wherein are many things very curious and uncommon.

August 4. Transcribing part of Additions to the West Riding for a new edition of the Britannia.

31. The Lady Howard and Lady Savile, mother and grandmother to the Duke of Norfolk (who was born at Red-hall near Leeds) came to see my collections.

September 2. Was most of forenoon showing collections to several companies; at noon dined with the Lady Howard and Lady Savile; afterwards taking an account of several of the Duke of Norfolk's relations from the said Lady Howard. Then had other visitants to see collections (that got not to church) the town being full of strangers, for the three days races at Chapel-town-moor. Was afterwards at the Charity-school, but could not make up a committee.

5. Read in my dear and pious father's diary in secret.

9. I was with Lords of the Manor about ditto concerns. *Memorandum*—No court could be made up this day, the time appointed by charter for election of the Mayor of Leeds, the first omission since

the granting of the charter 1660. Evening, sent for by two considerable benefactors to this their native county, Mr. Ellis of Brampton, and Mr. Parker of Carlton.

Oct. 3. Was much interrupted in family course, partly by my guests and partly by a most severe cough, which has so absolutely taken away my voice, that I was perfectly disabled from some duties, as particularly singing, a new order of which was begun this day in the parish church, to sing a stave betwixt the daily morning and communion service (as has been long done at London, &c.) and is more agreeable, making a greater distinction, as there ought to be, betwixt the several parts. Read only Annotations before family; had reason to be discouraged by my distemper, which increases, and the violence of the cough, twice since church time, caused so terrible a pain in the back of my head, as was very threatening.

5. With trustees for Madam Leighton's benefaction, stating and confirming those accounts.

21. Writing Memoirs of the charitable Madam Leighton, and her admirably pious son-in-law, Archbishop of Glasgow.

24. Die Dom. Morning, Mr. Killingbeck preached excellently from Psalm lxix. 30. He took occasion to refer to the oil mill at the bridge end, that was burnt on Saturday night, or Lord's-day morning, the 3d inst. which much endangered the town, but that the wind was calm.

Nov. 7. This day was published in the church, an order (dated the last sessions, wherein our pious Recorder was chiefly concerned,) for the more effectual restraining prophaneness upon the Lord's-day, and whereas many pretend liberty of conscience to exempt them from attendance upon the public, and yet attend the worship of God in no place, but consume their time either in idleness or debauchery; the laws provided in those cases shall be fully put in execution against them. It was likewise, as my dear wife informs me, published at the chapel, and Mr. Pendlebury* blessed God publicly for putting it into the hearts of the magistrates, and enforced it with a very strict charge upon his hearers, as to their servants, &c.

9. Read Annotations, but somewhat dissatisfied with those upon 1 Cor. vii. 15; apprehending that in case of such a departure, the correlate (whether husband or wife) is not at liberty to marry, which I think only adultery can tolerate. Query other commentators.

19. With cousin Cookson, to view and measure a close designed for the charity-school.

27. Evening, with the High Sheriff, (shortly to be elected Mayor) Recorder, and Corporation, at the public rejoicing for the great victory of the Duke of Marlborough in Flanders.

* William Pendlebury, M.A. of a Scotch university, succeeded Mr. Peters as pastor of the congregation of Nonconformists at Leeds. Mr. Peters died September 4, 1705.

Dec. 27. Alderman Milner and I began our London journey, and, blessed be God! found the ways much better than expectation; the waters had been much out about Doncaster, but were again brought to their ancient quarters, so that (after we had been civilly treated by Mr. Cowley, with whom Mr. Milner had business,) we reached Barnby Moor; and I ought to do myself that justice that, though a very sinful creature, I was sincerely thankful to God in secret prayer.

28. Being afraid of omitting secret prayer, (if I should lie till my chamber-fellow got up) I arose two hours too soon as it happened, but after I had retired, I lay down till past five. This day we found some of the ways very bad, especially about the Eel-pie-house near Tuxford, where the ice breaking in, it was both troublesome and dangerous; but I was supported far beyond my natural temper. Blessed be God for his merciful protection this day, and deliverance from imminent dangers! especially in passing the Trent, which we were forced to ferry over, as also over several meadows, and ride over others for above a mile together, very deep to the saddle skirts frequently, and dangerous, especially upon a long causeway, which the guide was forced to plumb every step, because if we had slipped off upon either side, we had been plunged in a considerable depth of waters, &c.; the greater cause of gratitude. We afterwards (staying very little at Newark) reached Grantham, blessed be God! I observed nothing

new this journey, but a delicate parsonage-house at Cromwell, thought to be one of the best in England; it was built by Mr. Thwaits, a Yorkshireman, (formerly schoolmaster at Doncaster,) at the expense of 1000*l.*

29. Morning retired, but there having fallen much snow in the night, we were much retarded in our journey; obliged to attend the coach (from Lincoln) and in a most tempestuous day of snow and wind, as most persons ever travelled upon, reached only Stamford, and caught each of us a fall, though blessed be God! without any damage. Evening, got an opportunity in secret to bless God for mercies vouchsafed, and implore further protection, though had a Scotch physician for my chamber-fellow. This day we met with a great number of horsing-stones, each of three steps, but cut out of one entire stone, inscribed E. B. 1708; being erected by Edmund Boulter, Esq. uncle to my kind friend the present Lord of Harewood, both of them charitable gentlemen, and benefactors to the public.

30. Retired, but there was no passing either for the coaches (though the masters driving the roads daily, were acquainted with every step of the road) or for horsemen, by reason of the prodigious quantity of snow and drifting of it, that had occasioned four or five overturnings of them yesterday, that we were forced also to lie by, not being able to procure a guide for money, it was so dangerous travelling. We had the agreeable converse of Mr. Clarke, Rec-

tor of Somerby Com. Linc. a Yorkshire author and pious divine. Got to church to forenoon prayers, but found neither monuments or benefactions new to me there; and the weather, as well as way, was so severe that could not stir far, so that I spent the day melancholy enough (though had good company) especially in the evening, when retiring I was much dejected with these adverse misfortunes. Lord sanctify every dispensation, and grant more comfortable in thy due time! Was troubled for loss of time and money.

31. Retired, but could not proceed in our journey, neither coaches, waggons, or horsemen, venturing to move, except only two waggons, that being left upon the road all night, got in with difficulty. Could hardly bring my naughty heart to a due compliance with this demur, though necessitated; and had, also, good accommodation, and excellent company of my dear fellow-traveller, the honest parson, a major and lawyer, physician, &c. all in the same condemnation, from different parts; the clergyman with this accent, that though but thirteen miles from home, he could neither get back nor forwards. Was as usually at church, and afternoon in the town to inquire after benefactors. William Brown, anno 1495, erected a stately Bede-house, which we went to see, for ten poor brethren and two women, all which have seven groats a week each. Mr. Truesdale, of late (about the year 1700,) erected alms-houses for six poor persons, who have each half-a-crown paid

them weekly, and a gown and coals yearly. From Mr. Clark I had an account of two remarkable deliverances that Archbishop Sterne received when a boy; one, when with his comrade he run into a church's steeple to catch a daw's nest, which, being on the outside of the steeple, they got a board; one boy sat upon the end within the steeple, and he upon that out of the loop-hole; there proved but five, the boy demanded three; he justly thought the odd one his due because in the more dangerous service; the boy, in a pet, jumps off the board, and the Bishop consequently falls to the ground, yet without damage. At another time, playing near a mill, he fell within the clow; there was but one board or bucket wanting in the whole wheel, but a gracious Providence so ordered it, that the void place came down at that moment, else he had been inevitably crushed to death, but was reserved to be a grand benefactor afterwards.

A. D. 1709.

Jan. 1. Morning, disconsolate enough for the reasons before-mentioned, only found some comfort in reading two or three psalms in secret; retired, but could hear of no public prayer or preaching, that squandered away the time to small purpose; there was scarce any market, few, even of the neighbours, daring to travel; I grudged at the expense, both of time and moneys, which went fast, though I husbanded it to the best I could. I found also the in-

convenience of having a chamber-fellow (which yet could not be avoided upon the road) being twice interrupted in one day.

2. Die Dom. Morning, retired; then walked to All Saints, transcribed a benefactor's epitaph; then heard our fellow-traveller, good Mr. Clark, who prayed excellently, as he also preached excellently and practically, but I had not the conveniency of noting the heads, nor of Mr. Atway's afternoon sermon against a backbiting tongue; spent too much of the day unsuitably enough to the main work of the day, yet must acknowledge that I spent sometime more profitably in secret meditation and prayer, and through mercy was not altogether unaffected; blessed be His name!

3. Morning, retired; then having the encouragement of some of the Scotch gentry, who must of necessity be at the Parliament at the time appointed, we ventured upon our journey (being fourteen in company;) having the post and a guide, we found some part of the road better than we expected, considering the dismal account we had of it; others very bad, and the snow terribly drifted; but our merciful Protector preserved us, that not one of the company got any prejudice, and we reached Huntingdon that night, where, it is remarkable, there are four churchyards, three steeples, but only two churches and one parson, (to which some add no preacher, that it seems not being his talent.) I find, by some verses my dear father made for his diver-

sion upon a London journey, 1658, that two of the churches were pulling down that year:

> "At Huntingdon, a four church town,
> My Muse was sore perplexed,
> To see two of them pulling down," &c.

4. There having been much snow, and a stormy night and day, we found more difficulties: our guide turned back at the mile's end, and durst adventure no further for fear of his life, as he said; but a good Providence directed us to a better; and though we found it very severe travelling, especially about Royston (where the people came running out of their houses to stare upon us with amazement,) yet, through mercy, we got safe to Puckeridge, where we lodged comfortably.

5. Overtook the Scotch posters, and got before them, to London, though at Enfield had the mischance to be plunged almost belly-deep, by the breaking in of the ice, that the water run in at my pockets and stained my papers, as well as at the boot-tops. Evening, I was with my dear fellow-traveller at Mr. Blythman's, in the Temple, and Mr. Plaxton's.

6. Walked to Westminster, and from thence to Petty France, to wait of his Grace my Lord Archbishop of York, who received me kindly, and entertained me obligingly till after dinner, when I met with the like civil treatment from the Bishop of Ely, who would have engaged me to dine with him to-morrow. Mr. Chamberlayne (the late Dr.'s son,)

author of the Present State of Great Britain, was also there, and very courteous. In return, called of Dr. Sloane and Dr. Hicks, but missed of both; visited good old Mr. Stretton; was troubled to find him so infirm and lame; was after at the prayers at St. Laurence Church, which was refreshing.

7. Was with Cousin Milner at the Bank of England, a place of vast business and crowds; and after at the Exchequer, where he advanced thirteen thousand pounds upon the land-tax of four shillings per pound; was prevented thereby of waiting of the Bishop of Ely; was after with ditto Alderman to meet Mr. Tregenna and the Plaxtons about his purchase of the two Lordships of Nun Appleton and Bolton Percy: stayed late enough.

8. Writ per post; then abroad in vain, to visit three or four friends, but met with Mr. Churchill and Dr. Colbatch. After dinner, walked with ditto Alderman to Sir William Strickland's about the designed bill against straining cloth and making exorbitant lengths, and he with me at Dr. Sloane's. We afterwards walked to the Countess of Burlington's, but in most places lost our labours; got part of the prayers at St. James's, but was too full of distractions; the Lord pity and pardon; but through mercy, I was afterwards much affected at prayers in the evening at St. Laurence Church, and in singing, &c. which method is used in many churches at eight of the clock, after the shops are shut, and persons more at leisure. It was very pleasing to me

to observe an extraordinary spirit of devotion in persons present, and notes for prayer desired for persons afflicted with a deep sense of sin, and therefore prayed for under the notion of great sinners under troubles of mind for sin: the Lord in mercy hear and answer prayers, and perfect the good work, in thy due time! I had also, afterwards (in my dear friend's absence) an extraordinary convenience of privacy, and was, through mercy, much affected in meditation and prayer.

9. Die Dom. Went to Mr. Stretton's meeting-place, but he not preaching, by reason of age and the extremity of the season, with Alderman Milner to the cathedral of St. Paul's; by their confused reading (two at the same time, the gospel or lessons) singing prayers and organs, with the continued noise and hurry of persons, that through the novelty of the method (different from that at York Minster,) and the corruption of my wicked heart, it was very unprofitable to me; the Lord pity and pardon! To hear Dr. Burgess, who, though he had some pleasant passages, which profane wits might sport with, yet preached very well. He preached above three hours, yet seemingly without weariness to himself or auditory. Called at Christ Church Hospital; stayed prayers and singing there; was pleased as well as surprised with the vast numbers of orphans there comfortably provided for, and the pious and prudent management thereof. Rest of evening at the inn, more unsuitably to the sabbath.

10. Walked to Dr. Hicks's,* our learned countryman; was kindly received, and he promised to peruse my MS. Topography. Afterwards went to Sir Christopher Wren's, the unparalleled architect of above fifty churches; his ingenious son, of both his names, has a most noble collection of Greek medals, with ancient busts, inscriptions, altars, &c., of which he has printed an account, which he presented me with, &c. I then walked to Westminster, but missed of Dr. Fairfax and Mr. Calamy; was the forenoon with Mr. Arthington and the Alderman at the Parliament-house, to speak to Sir William Strickland, the Lord Downe, and Mr. Lowther, about the Cloth bill. Evening, surprised with the account of parson Atkinson's being slain.

11. Walked to Petty France to the Archbishop of York's, whom to my sorrow, I found indisposed; the Lord recover him in thy due time!—then visited Mr. Gale, but missed of Captain Hally, who had promised to come thither to consult about a new edition of Antoninus's Itinerary, with the late excellent and learned Dr. Gale's notes relating to Britain; was after to consult Mr. George Plaxton about my own concern. Dined with the Alderman at Messrs. Paine and Peirce, where spent rest of day, as evening with ditto, cousin and Mr. Plaxtons, near Temple-bar; stayed late enough.

12. Walked to the Heralds' office, where the obliging Mr. Dale showed me many valuable manu-

* The author of the *Thesaurus* of the Northern languages.

scripts, and after at Mr. Brenand's, perusing some noted letters from very eminent persons to his excellent father-in-law, the late Mr. Hill, of Rotterdam. At noon walked with the Alderman to Hoxton Square, where dined at Mr. Hackshaw's; visited Mr. D. Williams, (formerly of Dublin*) now in that neighbourhood; returned in time to attend the meeting of the Royal Society at Gresham College, where I was courteously received by the Secretary and several acquaintance of old; found several others since admitted, as Signor Cornaro, the Venetian Ambassador, who readily obliged me with his motto in my album, and impression of his signet, with the honourable augmentation relating to the union: letters received from foreign parts, as well as several parts of England were read, that gave a dismal account of this storm, which seems to have been universal as to those parts of Europe, and was found by the registers kept of the thermometer, &c. to be three degrees colder than the noted frost in 1683–4. Evening, to visit cousin Dickenson and her ingenious husband, who presented me with his Latin poem upon the Union, dedicated to his quondam school-fellow, Lord Chancellor Cowper.

13. Walked to Mr. Wren's, who showed me some valuable curiosities, and Mr. Gale's about the new edition of Antoninus's Itinerary; was after to visit Mr. Calamy, who presented me with his excellent

* Founder of the Dissenters' library, in Red Cross Street, London.

Caveat against the New Prophets, for which her Majesty returned him her thanks, per a page of the back-stairs. I was afterwards at the House of Lords, and then transcribing Sir Cloudsley Shovel's and some later monuments in Westminster Abbey, till near three. Dined with the excellent Bishop of Ely, where I also met with very agreeable company, the Dean of Lincoln and other clergy, but especially the obliging R. Hales, Esquire, to whose pious endeavours, the good providence of God has given admirable success, in reconciling the reformed churches abroad (Calvinists and Lutherans) one to another, (so that they not only frequently meet together, but some of them join in the Sacrament,) and both to the Church of England, so that in many places they are willing to admit of Episcopacy, as I am credibly informed: see their mottos in my travelling Album. Evening, transcribing the Act as designed for our Manufacture, and wrote to my dear, and cousin Cookson.

14. Walked to Bloomsbury Square before eight, that I met with my kind friend Dr. Sloane, now Sir Hans, who showed me some of his admirable collections, and presented me with the Transactions I wanted. Then waited of the learned Dr. Hicks, who was pleased to express himself very favourably of the part of my MS. I had left for his perusal, and gave me directions from some authors not to be met with in these northern parts, to enlarge upon in some of the etymologies, which I rather feared some would think too tedious before. Dined with the

Alderman, &c. at Mr. Plaxton's, where stayed most of the afternoon, save that I transcribed part of Mr. Petyt's epitaph in the Temple church. Evening, to hear the memorable Mr. Clinch, whose single voice, as he has learned to manage it, can admirably represent a number of persons, at sport and in hunting, and the very dogs and other animals, but none better than a quire of choristers chanting an anthem, &c.

15. Walked to Westminster, disappointed of many I expected to visit in the way, and so of speaking to some of the House of Lords, it being adjourned till Monday. I dined with Mr. Calamy, who, according to promise, afterwards showed me some of my quondam dear friend, Dr. Sampson's papers, which I was much concerned to find so incomplete; that of the characters of the Assembly of Divines seemed the most perfect, which I borrowed to transcribe what relates to some Yorkshire members. After prayers at St. James's church, was with Mr. Milner at the Countess of Burlington's, a prudent and notable lady; she promised 20*l.* for the repairing and beautifying the high quire in the church at Leeds, and was very obliging in showing me the pedigree of the Cliffords and Boyles.

16. Die Dom. Walked with Mr. Wyat, the bookseller, to Hackney, where Mr. Newcome, their pious and learned vicar prayed and preached excellently. I afterwards viewed the monuments in the church, and was particularly pleased to find that of Henry Thoresby, Esquire, so well preserved, his and

his wife's and daughter's statues (the Lady Hardress) all entire, with the arms. I dined with the worthy Mr. Newcome, who received me kindly; showed me his father's picture.* Afternoon, Mr. Strype, the pious lecturer, preached excellently. I afterwards enjoyed a little of this worthy person's company, and returned with Mr. Wyat in tolerable time to London.

17. Walked to the Countess of Burlington's; collated the noble pedigree of the Cliffords, with that of my own drawing, and transcribed that of the Boyles, annexed thereto, which kept me busily employed till towards evening; visited the excellent Dr. Fall, at the Duke of Queensbury's; was afterwards with cousin Milner, at the Heralds' office; consulted several curious MSS. and visitations; then, with Mr. Dale and Mr. Hare, (another herald) at the tavern.

18. Visited the ingenious Mr. Madox, (son to my late dear friend, Mrs. Madox,) the author of the Formulare Anglicanum, and who is now upon a noble design, the History of the Exchequer. I afterwards visited our countryman, good old Mr. Rymer, her Majesty's Historiographer Royal, who was born at Yafforth Hall, near Northallerton; has published seven or eight volumes, in folio, of The Public Leagues and Treaties of Foreign States, &c.

19. Walked to Burlington House, transcribed the Memoirs of the famous Earl of Cork, (who raised

* Henry Newcome, whom Thoresby had known at Manchester.

that family, from the original MS. of his own writing, upon parchment; this kept me so busily employed, that it was near three ere I reached home. I afterwards attended the Royal Society, at Gresham College, where Francis Roberts, Esq. (the Earl of Radnor's relation) was Chairman, whose hand, with Dr. Harris's, the lexicographer, and other ingenious gentlemen, I got in my album. Mr. Hawksbee showed some experiments about the ascent of water, &c. I afterwards went with Mr. Roberts, Mr. Arthington, and Dr. Sloane to the Grecian Coffee House.

20. Writing a little from Dr. Sampson's MS. till Mr. Wyat came, with whom I rode by Mile End, Stratford, and Bow, to Low Leyton, rightly so called from its situation, the meadows being covered with water, like an arm of the sea, but we found the road good, and were kindly received by the worthy Mr. Strype, a pious divine, and indefatigably industrious historian, as appears by the many volumes of his own hand-writing, and some of them prodigiously large folios, which I was really surprised with the sight of, and with his noble collection of original letters of King Henry the Eighth, and several of his Queens, Edward the Sixth, Queen Jane, Queen Mary, and Queen Elizabeth, with Cardinal Wolsey, Pole, and others of the most eminent clergy, before and after the Reformation, with the most eminent statesmen, divines, and historians; which, I perceived, had been the collections of the famous

Lord Treasurer Burleigh, to whom most of the later letters were directed, and particularly those of the Lord Chancellor Hatton, Earl of Essex, Sir Philip Sydney, Sir Walter Mildmay, and Secretary Wilson, that he presented me with. Returned very well, and in good time.

21. Walked with Mr. Dale to the Tower; was mightily pleased with the new and excellent method the Records are put into, (of which see a letter of the Bishop of Carlisle's to me;) viewed many great curiosities of that nature, and original letters from foreign kings and potentates, upon parchment, and paper as old, (reckoned as great a rarity,) to the Kings of England, very ancient tallies, Jewish stars, &c. which the obliging Mr. Holms showed me, who also gave me an autograph of Queen Elizabeth, that was his own property; then went to view the several armouries, as that more ancient of the weapons taken in the memorable year 1588 from the pretended Invincible Armada, and those modern from Vigo, and in other memorable transactions of this age; the present armoury for use is put into a surprising method, in the form of shields, pyramids, trophies, &c. Some of the elder and later Kings' armour are placed as though mounted on horseback;—in the return, stepped in to see the lions, eagles, catamountains, leopards, &c. I dined at Mr. Dale's, with the pious and learned Samuel Clark, D.D. the Bishop of Ely's chaplain; and afternoon, perused some curious MSS. in the college library, and transcribed

some pedigrees of the gentry in these parts, from Sir William Dugdale's last visitation, anno 1665 and 6.

22. Walked to Soho Square, to the Bishop of Salisbury's, who entertained me most agreeably with the sight of several valuable curiosities, as the original Magna Charta of King John, supposed to be the very same that he granted to the nobles in the field, it wanting that article about the Church, which, in the exemplars afterwards, was always inserted first; it has part of the Great Seal also remaining. He showed me also his strong box, with many noble medals of silver and gold, presented to him by the Princess Sophia, and other foreign Princes of the house of Hanover, &c. several of them worth about 30*l.* a piece, as to the intrinsic value. But what was the best of all was his pious and excellent converse; for, notwithstanding the censures of a malignant world, that hates every thing that is serious, he is, doubtless, an admirably holy and good man, and has one of the best regulated houses in the world. In return, called at Mr. Rymer's, who presented me with his Three Letters to the Bishop of Carlisle, &c.; dined with Mr. Stretton; afterwards, visited Parson Elstob, who has published the most correct edition of Roger Ascham's Epistles, and his ingenious sister, Eliza Elstob, who was also born at Newcastle-upon-Tyne; she has already printed a French version, with some composures of her own, and is going to oblige the world with some Saxon tracts, and particularly a correct edition of the

Psalms, that of Sir John Spelman's being, indeed, intolerably bad; to which end she has learnt the Latin as well as Saxon; she draws and paints curiously; they both wrote Saxon mottos in my Album, and presented me with her translation of Monsieur Scudery, of Glory, from the French.

23. Die Dom. Coached it with the Alderman to St. Clement's without Temple-bar, to hear the Bishop of Sarum, who had a most moving prayer and sermon; he pressed in the conclusion to charity, for educating poor children, who sung a psalm, (after the rest was ended;) much fine music, then the organs, and there was collected, as I remember, about 25*l.*, as I was told by the Bishop himself, with whom I dined, according to appointment. He received me most affectionately, and presented me with his lady's book, called a Method for Devotion, a serious and excellent treatise, which her modesty used all the art she could to evade being known for the author: she is a lady of great piety and admirable parts, as appeared by her converse with Mr. Grey Nevile, a Member of Parliament, that dined with us.

24. Walked with Mr. G. Plaxton to the ingenious Sir Andrew Fountain's, who showed me several admirable curiosities and antiquities from Ireland, both Roman, Danish, and Irish, of copper and other metals; he has also a noble library, some very rare books, both as to the antiquity of the print, and variety of the subjects; but, above all, his admirable

collection of medals, Greek, Roman, Saxon, and Norman, that, though by his letter to me, when he wrote the dissertation in Dr. Hicks's Thesaurus, it appears that mine was then the completest nest of any in England; yet, by his industry and vast expense, (advancing half-a-crown for every Saxon penny that could be got, as the Bishop of Carlisle gave me notice per his letter,) he has raised one much superior, both in number and value, of which I hope he will oblige the world with a particular description, it being absolutely the completest that ever I saw relating to the ancient coins and later monies of this nation, he having Philip, as styled King of England after Queen Mary's death, and not only Oliver, but Commonwealth half-crown, and one shilling, as well as sixpence, of the milled monies, which was absolutely the first of that kind in this country; he has also some original pictures of learned men, and obliged me with the autographs of some of his foreign correspondents. I afterwards walked to Westminster, and in return waited of the Lady Howard, and dined there with his Grace the Duke of Norfolk, the premier peer of Great Britain, who showed me his kinsman, the late Cardinal Howard's picture, and subscribed in my Album with his two brothers and cousin; there were three generations at table, the Duke, his mother, and grandmother. In return, visited the famous Dr. N. Grew, at the College of Physicians.

25. Staying within, waiting, according to my

promise, for Mr. Wait, from the Countess of Burlington's, to show the museum at Gresham College, but the bad weather prevented him. Then to visit Mr. Hare, a herald, at that office, who gave me an autograph of Queen Elizabeth. Afterwards with Mr. Foster, about business from the Exchange, to visit cousin John Dickenson, an ingenious and hopeful young man, the only son of my dear cousin of both his names, to whom I was much obliged in my younger years; went with him to see Hans Valerian, a German, who, being born without hands or arms, performs many actions most dexterously with his feet. I have several specimens of his writing, (*scriptum ore et pedibus*, &c.) This was a most dreadful stormy day, much snow fell, that renders the roads again impassable. Evening, received a very kind as well as unexpected visit from the obliging Mr. Le Neve, Norroy King-at-Arms, which was the more civil, because I had omitted (not to say neglected, through the insinuations of some of his antagonists) to wait upon him; when at the Heralds' Office he was extremely civil, came to tender me the perusal of the noble Record of Domesday-book, which is in his keeping in the Exchequer, the fees for which would otherwise surmount my attempts, being a noble for producing the book, and ten groats for every line transcribed; he also urged me to accept of the like deputation as Mr. Hopkinson, which should cost me nothing, and might pro-

cure me the sight of arms, inscriptions, &c. in all places north of Trent, without control.

26. Having received an obliging invitation from Mr. Wanley, the librarian, walked to Mr. Harley's, (the late Secretary of State,) was wonderfully surprised to find so prodigious a number of original charters, (some of them before the Norman Advent,) bulls, ancient writings, charts, and MSS. of great variety and value, before and after the Reformation; but he is a gentleman of great abilities and curiosity, and spares no charges in purchasing MS. historians, ledger-books, and chartularies of abbeys, &c.; there were some of the famous Archbishop Usher's, Sir Henry Spelman's, &c.; but I was straitened in time, having promised to meet Mr. Le Neve, in the Tally Office, in the Exchequer at Westminster, where I had the perusal of Domesday-book, the original and the index of later date, both which I perused with great satisfaction. In return, visited Mr. Kempe, who showed me his noble collection of Greek and Roman medals, several of the large medallions in silver, and others larger in copper, valued at vast sums of monies; he had also two entire mummies, (in their wooden chests, shaped with a human head, &c.), one of which has the Egyptian hieroglyphics painted upon the swathing-bands; he had fragments of another, and gave me a piece, which seems converted into a dark coloured rosin or gum by the embalming, which has penetrated the very bones,

which are not only outwardly but quite through of a black colour, as is evident per a piece he gave me; but what I was most surprised with, was his closet of the ancient deities, lares, lamps, and other Roman vases, some of which were Monsieur Spon's, and are described in print; others not yet, being the noblest collection I ever beheld of this kind. The Duke of Buckingham had a design upon them, but not yielding to the price, Mr. Kempe advanced 10*l.*, and procured the treasure, and has wrote over that part of the museum, "*Hic sitis Laribus lætor.*" Memorandum: he takes one exactly the same with mine of Jupiter Ammon to be of Antinous, the beautiful youth that Adrian doated upon, consecrated and offered sacrifices to; (*vide* Hist. Dictionary;) quere further. Afternoon, I attended at Gresham College, where the famous Sir Isaac Newton, the President, was Chairman, who honoured my Album with his subscription; received also Dr. Mead's, &c.

27. Writ and read at home; it being a fresh storm could do little. Visited cousin Dickenson, and afternoon the noted Mr. Pettiver, who showed me a great variety of insects, some very beautiful and delicate from the Indies; was afterwards at the College of Arms, transcribing from the last visitation till dark.

28. Walked to Dr. Hicks's, who having courteously perused several other sheets of my manuscript Topography, obliged me with variety of readings from some rare Dano-Saxon authors. Afterwards

visited his good neighbour, the pious and ingenious Robert Nelson, Esq. with whose excellent converse I was very well pleased; he obliged me with four original letters from very eminent hands, *viz.* Cardinal Norfolk, the Bishop of Meux's, and Elector and Electrice Palatine; and with his own two excellent Treatises of the Feasts and Fasts of the Church, and of the Sacrament. In the afternoon I walked to the west-end of the town to wait of the Lord High Admiral, Sir Andrew Fountain, and Mr. Harley, according to their own appointments, yet disappointed in all, both houses of Parliament sitting unexpectedly long upon earnest business; only Mr. Wanley showed me several very rare editions of the Bible in English, of the New Testament single, and the Psalms in the early days of the Reformation, of which ancient Bibles he is supposed to have the most curious collection of any person, and will oblige the world with a more accurate account of the several editions than was ever yet known.

29. In Moor-fields bought a very rare edition of the New Testament in English, printed anno 1536, with lessons from the Old Testament, according to the Salisbury use. After, perusing Sir Philip Constable's manuscripts.

February 1. Dined with cousin Milner at Mr. Blythman's; he gave me an autograph of that Earl of Warwick who was the Admiral, and three others relating to his wife's family.

2. Walked to Ormond-street for my kind friend

Dr. Hicks's sentiments (which were very candid) upon the last papers I have had leisure to transcribe of my Topography; took leave of my said worthy and learned friend, and the excellent Mr. Nelson; then walked to Mr. Plaxton's and (while he was getting up and dressing) had the welcome opportunity of the prayers in the neighbouring church in Fleet-street; then walked with him to Lincoln's-inn-square, to visit his grandmother good old Mrs. Plaxton, who notwithstanding her great age and the extremity of the weather was gone to church. Oh, that all her descendants would imitate her piety! Was constrained to dine with her and her two daughters; met there also with a grand-daughter of Archbishop Sterne's, from whom I received an account of the family. Afternoon attended at Gresham College, where was showed an experiment of the circulation of the blood, &c. to the Venetian ambassador, &c. I afterwards took coach with Mr. Roberts and Dr. Pratt (the Duke of Ormond's Chaplain) to Sir Andrew Fountain's, who, according to appointment, conducted us to the Lord High Admiral's,* who entertained us most agreeably with the view of his most noble collection of Greek and Roman medals, much enlarged since I saw it before, and particularly his Excellency has procured a Roman Bos, which weighs five pounds of their monies.

* The Earl of Pembroke, who on this visit was pleased to offer Thoresby, if he would bring up his son to the sea, such a warrant as the Lord Dursley had for his education at the Queen's charge.—*Review.* —See also the Correspondence.

It is quadrangular; on the one side has the figure of an ox, the other side is worn like a honeycomb with its extreme age (I have since seen the draught of it in Baron Spanhemius's new edition of his Numismata, &c.); his Lordship has also a set of the Roman weights, and the most rare coins that ever I saw; amongst others, one with three heads upon an oblong square, yet minted as the lesser round ones. It is incomparably the best collection in the nation, if not the universe, and his Lordship was particularly kind to me, and more respectful than is usual, condescending to me (as a countryman, I presume) shaking me by the hand in a most familiar manner, desiring to see me whenever I should come to town, &c.

3. Walked with the Alderman to Westminster; called at the Lord Weymouth's to speak to his Chaplain, the noted Mr. Jenkins, to inquire after a catalogue of our late learned Vicar, Mr. Milner's manuscripts; then at the Exchequer Office in Westminster-hall, transcribing from Domesday-book concerning these parts; then passed the Thames to Lambeth, to visit Dr. Gibson, afflicted for the loss of his only son; the worthy Dr. received me kindly, and promised me his free thoughts and advice about my own MS. Topography of this parish, and received my additions to the three Ridings of Yorkshire, for the new Camden, with thanks; in return, had a sort of storm; the wind and tide being contrary, the water was very boisterous, and, as I thought, not without

danger; but the Lord delivered me. In return, went with Mr. Wanley to the late Secretary Harley's, a gentleman of great curiosity, who received me very courteously; he has made a most noble collection of MSS. which have cost him a prodigious sum of money; and he allows his library-keeper 100*l.* per annum.

4. At Mr. Tong's, to peruse some of my late dear friend Dr. Sampson's papers; was troubled to find them in such confusion, and so incomplete, though I think if these, and those in Mr. Calamy's hand were strictly digested, there might several useful matters be collected from them. Mr. Tong presented me with some noted autographs and three sermons. Spent much of the afternoon in walking to the Tower-hill, and endeavouring to meet with Dr. Kennet, author of Parochial Antiquities, &c. yet could do little more than see him.

5. Dined at Mr. Churchill's, a relation of the Duke of Marlborough's, and a worthy member of parliament; then walked to Holborn, to remind Mr. Silvester Petyt (late principal of Barnard's Inn) of our charity-school, amongst other places, to which he is capable of being a benefactor.

6. Die Dom. Walked to Sir Andrew Fountain's in Leicester Fields, and thence to St. Ann's, where I stayed the prayers till Sir Andrew was dressed, with whom I then went to St. James's, the royal chapel, where Dr. Willis, the Dean of Lincoln, preached well, but I could hear little, there being upon this

her Majesty's birth-day, so vast a concourse of the nobility of both nations as the like has rarely been seen. I saw the Kings-at-Arms, and Heralds in their formalities, with their velvet robes richly embroidered, the Union Arms nobly raised in gold and silver to a great height. I stood securely, notwithstanding the great crowds betwixt my two friends, Norroy and Suffolk Herald, who knew all the nobility as they passed. After the empty glory of all this pomp was over, and I had seen the best of Queens in this world, with the splendour of the Court, I most willingly retired. After dinner, at Mr. Dale's, walked again to the West-end of the town, to make good Sir Andrew Fountain's promise to Baron Spanheimius, Ambassador from the King of Prussia, who received me most courteously, and told me, by his interpreter, that he was mightily surprised with my catalogue of coins; he took notes of some that were more rare; he presented me with his picture, and honoured my Album with his name, who is the most celebrated father of the antiquaries of this age. In return, I heard an excellent sermon at St. Clement's, but the church (blessed be God for so happy a sight) was so crowded with attentive hearers, that I could scarce get so far into an alley at any of the doors as to hear distinctly.

7. To visit Mr. Bagford, who showed me a surprising collection in several vols. of ancient prints and papers, titles of books, &c. in the infancy of the art of printing, and gave me his proposals for pub-

lishing an Historical Account of the Useful and Universally celebrated Art of Typography, with the Lives of the Ancient Printers, &c. And in the same house met with Mr. Jones, the author of the Complete History of Europe, which he begun anno 1701, and has published seven vols. in 8vo.; after, to the Lord Irwin's, and thence to the Grecian Coffee-house, with the ingenious Sir Godfrey Copley.

8. Walked to Bloomsbury-square betwixt seven and eight, to Dr. Sloane's, who showed me seven or eight most noble (but costly) volumes in large folio, full of admirable fine paintings and drawings of Indian animals, plants, insects, habits, prospects, &c. and other volumes of heads, and other prints of European Princes, learned men, &c. Then walked to Dr. Fairfax's, at Westminster, my father's, and my good friend, who truly verifies his motto in my album, *Amicorum veterimus optimus;* he went with me to the Bishop of Rochester's, who showed me some noble original paintings of great value; I saw also there that part of the white marble altar-piece, with the heads of the Virgin Mary and our Saviour, &c. that the late king James had placed in Westminster Abbey, but was not suffered to continue. I afterwards met with my long expected friend the Bishop of Carlisle, in the House of Lords, where we discoursed till the House being full, prayer and business began. Upon my return into the City I met with worthy Mr. Strype, who was come from

Layton to see me, and presented me with some most valuable autographs of King Edward VI. and Queen Elizabeth, Roger Ascham, Dean Nowell, Dr. Whitaker, and Sir Walter Raleigh; took leave of this excellent person, and afterwards of cousin Dickensons.

9. Walked with Mr. Dale to the tower; bought two albums; one of Dr. Lambroch: Thomasius,* 1641, the other, of Paul P. Jahz Bereny, an Hungarian, anno 1657 and 8, wherein are many noted hands, English and foreigners. Mr. Dale thought it convenient that I should treat Mr. Holms, whose company I had with his, at the tavern, in order to procure transcripts of what I might have occasion for from the records there. I afterwards dined at Mr. Dale's, where stayed till near three, that I attended at Gresham College. Sir Isaac Newton, the President, filled the Chair; there was the Dutch Envoy and other foreigners, to whom was showed some experiments in the air pump, particularly of a sprightly cat, which in a few moments, upon the exhausting the air, fell into convulsions and would have expired, but that air was again admitted.

10. Having heard by Dr. Sloane of Dean Hicks's dangerous illness, went to visit my said dear friend, whom, blessed be God, I found much better, though very weak and pained. Then walked to Westminster; discoursed Mr. Gale about a new edition of Antoninus, with his learned father's and his own notes;

* A Welshman. See the Catalogue of the Museum, p. 552.

then again with the Bishop of Carlisle, but the Thames so rough that we neither of us thought convenient to see Lambeth. Having stayed awhile to see the Judges in Westminster Hall, I took leave of Mr. Calamy in my return, and Mr. Wanley, who went with me to the famous Harleian Library, where I spent rest of day in transcribing notes from Bishop Stillingfleet's MSS. concerning Yorkshire,* till almost faint and starved, not being willing to give over to get victuals, being straitened for time and the weather extremely severe, more than ever in my apprehension. Afterwards, with Mr. Wanly, at the tavern. Evening, at Mr. Wyat's, to pack up books for Yorkshire.

11. Walked to Westminster before eight, according to appointment by the Bishop of Carlisle, with whom I stayed till ten, before Sir James Dalrymple and the other North Britons came: we then went altogether to see the noble Cottonian Library, of which there are so good accounts already published, that I need not mention particulars, and which, indeed, I was less capable of doing, because of the extremity of the weather, which was so violently cold that it much affected my head, and I was apprehensive of danger. Lord, prepare me for thy pleasure! I could not but observe Genesis in Greek, curiously illuminated, supposed to be writ in Constantine the Great's time; several genuine charters before the Norman advent, and other curious MSS.

* Now at the Museum, No. 793 to 805, of the Harleian Collection. They consist entirely of transcripts from Dodsworth.

in capitals, with some fragments upon purple parchments and gilded, which are yet more ancient, being mentioned by St. Jerome (in his prologue to Job), a fragment also of the Philyra of the ancients. The Bishop, Sir James, and Mr. Anderson, who are all eminent authors, writ in my album, as also Mr. Mackenzy, &c. In return met with Mr. Milner at Mr. Blythman's, where we dined; I afterwards called to see the Moving Picture, a curious piece of art: the landscape looks as an ordinary picture till the clock-work behind the curtain be set at work, and then the ships move and sail distinctly upon the sea till out of sight; a coach comes out of the town, the motion of the horses and wheels are very distinct, and a gentleman in the coach that salutes the company; a hunter also and his dogs, &c. keep their course till out of sight. I had some discourse with the German inventor of it, Mr. Jacobus Morian: see his paper and autograph. Evening, packing up papers and apparel.

12. Walked with Mr. Wanley to Somerset-house, to see some venerable Roman busts and noble original paintings, one of which is valued at 1500*l.* or 2000*l.* Rest of day at Mr. Harley's curious library, transcribing as much as the extremity of the season (which pinched me very much) would permit me, refusing to give over for victuals as long as I was able to subsist, this being the last day I could hope to have the perusal of the excellent Bishop Stillingfleet's curious manuscripts relating to Yorkshire, of

which there are ten volumes, that cost each forty shillings, (though thin ones truly valuable). After I had taken leave of Mr. Wanley, who is a person of great curiosity and judgment in these affairs, I met at Mr. Blythman's with the Alderman, who was justly concerned for an unexpected disappointment by Mr. T. and P. which kept us late and to no purpose.

13. Die Dom. Afternoon, walked to hear Dr. Kennet, but found the church so crowded, that could scarce get in at the door, yet pressed forward, and though I stood in the alley the whole time, yet was well pleased, for he prayed and preached excellently. I had afterwards a little of the said worthy Dean's company, but was straitened, &c. In the evening I was at the prayers at St. Laurence Church, and requested of a devout gentleman I had observed most constantly there, that they would please to continue their prayers for those upon their journey till Friday next: it is a good provision against dangers, to have a stock of prayers going forward for us.

14. Packing up the trunk, &c. Begun our journey with my dear friend the Alderman, and some Hull gentlemen. Lord, grant us a safe return in thy due time to our native country and poor families! We found the roads better than we expected, the extreme frost the latter end of the last week having made them capable of bearing man and horse. We baited at Ware, and reached Royston in good time, blessed be God!

15. Begun our day's work by six in a cold morning. We reached Stamford, half our journey, in good time.

16. Rose very early; had a most severe cold morning, and found the roads now very bad in some places, the ice being broke by the coaches that it bore not, and rougher than a ploughed field in others, yet hard as iron, that it battered the horses' feet; the servant's was downright lame, that when we baited, he was sent before to make the best he could of the way. Afterwards, when ours were brought forth, mine (that ailed little when put up) being now stiff, was worse than his, that we had a melancholy afternoon of it; the ice breaking, we were often forced to alight, and had none to assist in any matter but the Alderman himself, who acted the part of a most kind friend, but had more trouble than I was pleased with, yet could not avoid; but it pleased God to bring us in safety and good time to Carlton by Newark, where we lodged.

17. Our measures being broke by yesterday's rough ways and casualties, we set not forward so soon, designing only for Doncaster. We found the roads dangerous as well as troublesome at the Eelpie-house, by Tuxford, and afterwards tedious by snow lately fallen in Yorkshire; but blessed be God! we arrived safe and in good time at Doncaster; walked into the town.

18. Began our journey with courage, but was presently cooled, the road being full of snow, and

which was worse upon a continued ice almost, the melted snow being frozen again, that made it dangerous and very troublesome; so that I was more fatigued with this last twenty miles than all the journey besides. My horse slipped dangerously often, and once fell quite down (as I was leading him into Wentbrigg), but, blessed be God! we arrived safe at our desired habitations betwixt two and three, and found our families well; blessed be his holy name! I was truly thankful, and desirous to make a public acknowledgment of the goodness of our merciful God in his house of prayer, whither I went with a joyful heart at four, and may say in sincerity of heart, I hope, with the Psalmist, "I thought of thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy Temple!" I was the more deeply sensible of His great mercy in protecting me from the many dangers my sins have exposed me to, in about three hundred miles journey, and that in such a storm as the like has rarely happened, because that several persons in this neighbourhood have, during this interval, met with their death wounds in a few miles, as Mr. Samuel Harpur in his return from Leeds to Farnley, and Parson Atkinson, who was lamentably shot betwixt his own house and his church at Methley, (see the piteous account of it in cousin Cookson's letter to me). I might add the sudden death of the Curate there since, who officiated the Lord's-day afternoon, and was dead at Monday noon; which reminds me of what I was much affected with at London, viz.

the death of Bishop Burnet's pious lady, with whom I dined 23d January, (see this Diary,) and she seemed then to be in perfect health, and though her death was not so sudden, yet the next week the first news I heard of her was, that she was dead and buried. But she was indeed ripe for Heaven: see her pious and excellent Method of Devotion, which I particularly recommend to my daughter.

19. Wrote to Mr. Tong, to bless God on my behalf, and enclosed a note for the minister that officiates at the evening prayers at St. Laurence church, for the like in that congregation; and if any more rigid of either denomination, should censure this as a halting betwixt two, I shall (to avoid arguments) appeal to the searcher of hearts for my sincerity herein; and methinks it is ungrateful (to say no worse) not to desire that praise may succeed prayers, for mercies received, in all the congregations of his saints.

March 9. Finished the perusal of a catalogue of Mr. Spademan's* excellent library, which shows him to have been a person of great learning and curiosity.

19. Endeavouring (with Mr. Thornton's help, who sent for me on that account,) to perfect the list of the sheriffs of Yorkshire.

21. Finished the perusal of Mr. Spademan's Stricturæ breves in Epist. D.D. Genev. and Oxon. wrote in a curious Latin style, &c.

* Late Pastor of the English Church at Rotterdam.

22. Walked to Beeston, to the funeral of Mr. Joshua Hill.

24. Afternoon, walked to Beeston, to inquire after some manuscripts writ per the late Mr. Hill. Mr. Winchester made me a present of the duplicates of that in defence of the Immortality of the Soul, in Vindication of Dr. Manlove against Mr. Layton's heterodox opinion, and of his little Catechism.

29. Finished transcript of the learned and pious Dean Nowel's Life, and the perusal of our learned countryman Mr. Rymer's third Letter to the Bishop of Carlisle, in vindication of King Edward III., the present of the said worthy author, her Majesty's Historiographer Royal.

30. Begun to transcribe manuscript Memoirs of Mr. John Bois, one of the translators of the Bible.* Afternoon taken up in attending the Corporation in their formalities to receive the Judge, Baron Price, with whom spent rest of the day and evening, at the expense of the Corporation, (not the town, as some unworthily surmise).

April 8. Was late at church, and fetched out by a message from the bone-setter, (Smith, of Ardsley,) who positively affirms that one part of the kneebone of my dear child Richard, has slipped out of its proper place; he set it right and bound it up; the Lord give a blessing to all endeavours! We had made use of several before, who all affirmed that no

* A curious biographical tract, since printed by Peck in the *Desiderata Curiosa*.

bone was wrong, but that his limp proceeded rather from some weakness, which we were the rather induced to believe, because warm weather and bathing in St. Peter's Well, had set him perfectly on his feet without the least halting, only this severe winter has made him worse than ever.

9. Proved the will of Widow Bland, and codicil, whereby 3*l.* per annum left to charity school.

12. Perused catalogue of Mr. Hill's library, which argues him to have been a learned and very curious man, well seen in the controversies against the Papists, Remonstrants, Socinians, &c.

17. Finished the perusal of Drescelius's Considerations upon Eternity, wherein are several excellent meditations, and remarkable passages relating to eternity. Oh, that I was more duly prepared for it!

23. Read the pious Mr. Rosewell's Confession of Faith made at his ordination, wherein are the fundamentals of the Christian religion, given me by the worthy author. Finished perusal of Letters to a Peer, concerning the honour of Earl Marshal, wherein is much reading in that way of learning; it was given me by Robert Dale, Esq. who had a considerable hand in the composure.

May 2. Concluded Mr. Wittie's excellent tract of the Reasonableness of assenting to the Mysteries of Christianity, which shows the author a man of great parts and piety.

5. Had the honour of a visit from the Bishop of

Carlisle and Mr. Archdeacon Pearson; had the advantage of his instructive converse.

6. Sent for by his Lordship pretty early: spent the morning with him, and forenoon with Mr. Plaxton; and much of the afternoon with Sir Abstrupus Danby, who was very thankful for some notes upon his ancient family.

10. Concluded the learned Mr. Hill's second Dissertation concerning the Antiquity of Churches, a piece of great reading, wherein he shows that the Christians of the two first centuries had no such public separate places for worship as the Papists generally, and some Protestants plead for, though he grants they had places of meeting during those 200 years, but either in private houses, or vaults underground, where were their burying places.—Concerned at the wretched reproaches of such as pretend to a greater degree of purity in religion, yet censure the practice of it as hypocritical. I am, alas! full of sin, and am so far from having occasion of glorying in my duties, and I hope from the folly of boasting of them, that I am really ashamed of them; and the many imperfections, defects, and the sinful distractions they are accompanied with; but, notwithstanding my many and great sins, I hope I may appeal to the searcher of hearts, that I am clear of the hypocrisy that is alleged. Lord, discover my naughty heart more and more unto me. I was the more concerned for this slander, because positively asserted by an unkind (to say no worse) neighbour

to a reverend and pious minister, who told me of it with concern.

13. Lost much of the afternoon in appeal about my land-tax, which the perverseness of a neighbour had advanced, though houses empty.

23. Transcribing topography of the town; after surprised with a visit from my Lord Irwin, and some relations, to see the collections.

25. Concluded the perusal of the funeral sermon, and Life of the late Rev. Mr. Fr. Tallents, a learned, pious, and excellent person, and my kind friend Mr. Henry's, the worthy author's present.

26. Walked to Beeston-hall, to visit Mr. Bland;* was surprised to hear his daughter read Hebrew distinctly into English, which she learnt of her mother, who is an ingenious gentlewoman; she presented me with an autograph of the noted George Fox, the founder of Quakerism.

June 9. Walked to Farnley, to visit Sir Abstrupus Danby and his son; viewed the hall and chapel, which has been built two if not three times; received some additions to the pedigree of that ancient family.

12. The afternoon was wholly taken up in attending Uncle Joseph Sykes's funeral, accompanying the corpse to the burial place upon Tinglaw Moor, beyond Morley.

13. Prevented of reading before family prayer, and also of retiring, being called upon too early

* Of this family there is an ample account in the *Ducatus*.

(between five or six) by Mr. Rither to walk to Methley: went about by Swillington-bridge, to avoid the rush-bearing at Rothwell; was mightily pleased with the sight of Methley Hall, which was built in the memorable year 1588 (as appears by that date upon the front, under the arms of the family, with seven quarterings,) by the famous Baron Savile, whose picture, with his learned brother Sir Henry's, of Eton College, are the chief ornaments of the great dining-room, as the arms in the windows are of the gallery; the nobility and gentry are marshalled according to the Wapentakes in the several Ridings of Yorkshire. I took especial notice of my dear friend's, Mr. Thornton's, because it has not the superfluous addition of the trees, and of our own family, which is placed next the Scroops and Danbys, and has the cheveron plain, as it was and ought now to be borne, not engrailed, as Sir William Dugdale needlessly added it in the last visitation, ours being the eldest branch, and indeed the only male issue of the family. Walked (over the draw-bridge) through the Park, to the lower part of the town, to visit Mr. Goodwin, the new Rector. In return, visited my kind friend Mr. Lowther, Rector of Swillington; transcribed his father's monument in the church, and took notice of some antiquities which are elsewhere noted; he walked with me to brother Hough's at Newsom Green.

22 and 23. Both days entirely spent with labourers, directing and overseeing the sows to drain

water, that got not so much as to church. Lord, pardon!

24. Painting the arms in my MS. pedigrees of this parish.

27. Finished the perusal of worthy Mr. Strype's excellent History of the Reformation or Annals, &c. wherein are collected, from original papers, many valuable remains of that age, and which show, in many of the reformers, an excellent Christian temper to avoid extremes on both hands, and such a one I take the pious and indefatigable author himself to be.

28. Showing collection to Mr. Todd, of London, (a native of this town, Chaplain to the Bishop of St. Asaph, an ingenious gentleman.)

30. Took Ralph along with me; walked to Morley, (took an account of the monumental inscriptions) to the funeral of good old Mr. Dawson.*

July 7. Received a kind visit from Mr. Gale, of Scruton, a learned and ingenious gentleman, eldest son of the excellent Dean Gale, and parliament-man for North Allerton.

19. Observed the Spa course, and was obliged with the ingenious Mr. Moult's company from Derbyshire; and after, was with my dear child Richard, at Peter's Well. Lord, give a blessing!

30. At the Quarry-Hill, drinking the waters, going with the child to St. Peter's Well! Afternoon,

* One of the latest survivors of the ministers who left the church in 1662.

as always, heavy with the waters, but finished perusal of the fourth vol. of Mr. Oldenburgh's Philosophical Transactions, wherein are many curious experiments of some truly great men.

August 4. Rode with Alderman Milner, to dine at the Lord Irwin's, who showed me some curious books he bought beyond sea, &c.

" 11. Walked to Berwick to visit Mr. Plaxton in his widowhood; walked with Mr. Plaxton thence to Barmbow-hall; dined with Sir Thomas Gascoigne, which place was of old the seat of the Greenfields (of whom a Serjeant-at-law is buried in Berwick Church,) now of the Gascoignes, from the time of King James I. as I conjecture, from the ornaments of lions and unicorns in the great dining-room. Walked home by way of Manston, once the seat of the Dyneleys (see the monuments in Whitkirk,) and the Moors of Austrope, through Whitkirk and Hawton to Leeds.

15. Concluded Mr. Somner's Treatise of the Roman Ports and Forts in Kent, an excellent and instructive treatise, especially with Dr. Gibson's curious notes.

22. Finish perusal of Captain Graunt's Observations upon the Bills of Mortality, which are both curious and useful, not only in a natural and political capacity, which is the chief design of the book, but also in a religious. I was often much affected with the vast numbers posted into a boundless eternity in a few days.

25. These three days much gentry in town, upon account of the races at Chapel-town-moor, where the Lord Irwin's horse won the plate.

27. Concluded the pious Mr. Nelson's most excellent treatise of the Feasts and Fasts of the Church, with which I have been often much affected, and might still have been more if I could come nearer to the pattern set by the exemplary author who presented this to me.

28. Begun good Mrs. Burnet's Method of Devotion, given me by her husband the Bishop of Sarum.

29. Went the last time with my dear child Richard to St. Peter's-well (the cold-bath.) In my walk finished the perusal of the Maxims of the Popish Policy in England, translated out of French by Mr. Daubuz of Brotherton, who has added a preface, with some of Dr. Talbot's letters upon the like occasion; an excellent piece, and I wish was more considered.

September 12. Was much affected in prayer for Mr. Bright Dixon,* who was said to be drawing away; it was a doleful thing to hear the passing bells at the same juncture at both churches, and I believe drew tears from more eyes than mine. My cousin Atkinson, a pious gentleman, died this same forenoon, and parson Benson has been speechless since three of the clock in the morning.

14. Went to the sad funeral of the excellent Mr. Bright Dixon, but there was such a hurry and con-

* He was Minister of St. John's Church.

fusion, as is almost unavoidable when funerals are by torch-light in this town.

15. The passing bell tolled for Mr. Benson, senior, Lecturer of the Old Church. Lord, sanctify all these mementos of mortality!

19. Mr. Lodge was this day elected to succeed Mr. Dixon in the New Church.

October 10. At court, where Mr. Iveson, the late High Sheriff of the county, was sworn Mayor.

15. Had Dr. Pelham Johnston (grandson to Dr. Johnston of Pontefract) to view collection.

17. Much afflicted, both sleeping and waking, with the dreadful account our merchants have from their relations at Dantzig and Coningsberg of the violence and increase of that most terrible of all diseases the plague, and how obnoxious this place is above most to that desolating judgment, because of our immediate correspondence with them

22. Afternoon at aunt Sykes's, had the opportunity of perusing several papers of her uncle, the last Lord Eure's;* the executors presented some autographs (that were agreeable to me) to my collection, and this day I received some Indian curiosities from another hand. Lord, grant these diversions

* By the extinction of the elder line of this ancient family, the barony of Eure descended to the posterity of Sir Francis Eure, who died in 1621. This branch had become reduced: and it appears by one of Le Neve's MSS. at the Museum, that Sampson and Ralph Eure were woollen-drapers in London. Ralph succeeded to the title, which became extinct on his death, 29th April, 1707.

There were two sisters of the last lord married to Kaye and Pickering; one of the daughters of Pickering was the wife of Mr. Sykes.

may not be a snare to me, and rob me of too much precious time!

26. Afternoon sent for by the Recorder, Vicar, and others of the committee of pious uses, to peruse certain ancient writings in the great chest in the vestry.

27. Was much of the day at Mr. Adams's taking excerpta from some of those ancient writings and transcribing others.

31. Was all the forenoon at the town clerk's, transcribing or taking excerpta from deeds relating to the public concerns of the parish.

November 1. Finished perusal of Patrick's Reflections upon the Roman Devotions, and am entirely of the author's mind, that barely to recite their prayers to the saints and angels from some of their own breviaries, &c. with the lessons of their pretended miracles (which lessons were read as scripture) is enough to expose them. I have collated several of them with the printed and manuscript breviaries in my possession, and find them justly recited.

7. With the workmen, to direct the fixing the brass plates upon our grave-stones.

9. Had Mr. Bland and family to view the collections; I was pleased with the two gentlewomen's writing Hebrew mottos in the album.

11. Within perusing Saxon coins to oblige Dr. Gibson, (now Bishop of London) in order to a more correct edition of Camden's Britannia. Evening writ (from another ancient book lent me by Mr.

Fothergil) something from the *Horæ beat. Mariæ*, to supply the defects of mine, of which see Bishop Burnet's History of the Reformation.

14. At the funeral of Mrs. Hall. Mr. Benson preached well, and in the conclusion gave a just commendation of her charity to the poor; to her mother's (the late widow Bland) three pounds she has added five pounds per annum to the charity-school, and two pounds per year to other pious uses.

December 23. When at family prayer in the morning was disturbed with the knocking of the bailiff, who at Hugh Sleigh's suit arrested me, and said he had positive order to carry me to the gaol if I gave not a three score pound bail bond, which I refused to do, not owing him a penny, which base act shows the most abominable ingratitude, I having lost the interest of 80*l.* for twelve months, which the Corporation was then willing to pay me for my own share of the tolls, purely in his favour, who had not else, as is owned on all hands, ever got a groat for his share, if cousin Wilson and I had closed with them for ours without him; and now, for a supposed promise of dividing the monies and bond, he sues me with the utmost violence and malice, though I was so far from making such a promise, that when it was first proposed I declared against it, lest it should involve me in a suit with the Corporation, who were fully satisfied with my title and cousin Wilson's, but had demurred so long upon Sleigh's, who being a . . . . . attorney, employs his cunning

so ungratefully against his benefactor. The bailiff indeed was civil, and upon my parole allowed me, when the bell tolled, to go to church according to my custom. This affair, and consulting my constant and dear friend the Recorder, took up the rest of the day.

24. Again at dear Mr. Thornton's; at church; received a hasty demand from my gaoler either to go immediately to prison, or give 60*l.* bail, which, at my dearest dear's request and tears I did.

26. Concluded Dr. Hicks's Answer to the Popish Priest, an excellent tract upon that subject, with an Appendix of some very curious papers, as the Bishop of Meaux's letter, and Bishop Bull's answer, a letter of the pious Mr. Nelson's to a Priest, and a Saxon office. The excellent Mr. Nelson has presented me with the original letter of the said French Bishop.

27. Heard the commemoration sermon at New Church, where Mr. Lodge, the new incumbent, made a very ingenious sermon, concluding with a recital of the ever famous Mr. Harrison's benefactions. Afternoon, concluded the perusal of a most delightful account of the number and progress of the Charity-schools, annexed to an excellent sermon of Dr. Bradford's, upon that occasion.

28. At Church; made a collection for the Charity-school, (viz. 15*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* in which were two guineas, supposed to be given by Mr. Milner and Mr. Thornton, both being eminent for charity.)

A.D. 1710.

January 3. Finished the perusal of Mr. Hearne's curious notes upon his edition of Sir John Spelman's Life of King Alfred, a very ingenious treatise.

5. Finished the perusal of the ingenious Mrs. Elizabeth Elstob's Version of the Saxon Homily, with large preface and curious notes, the learned lady's present; this and Mr. Hearne's were read before immediately upon their arrival, but had not then time to take notes of what relates to the north. Was afterwards with the Committee at the Charity-school; subscribed a guinea per annum for three years.

10. Concluded good Mr. Henry's excellent and practical Exposition upon the Pentateuch, an incomparable family-book, inasmuch as practical truths and pious affecting inferences are infinitely preferable to speculative notions, that only satisfy the curiosity.

11. At court, where we got a good order passed to avoid extravagance.

23. Rode with dear Mr. Thornton to Methley Hall; transcribed the names of the gentry from their arms in the great gallery, as they were in Queen Elizabeth's time; found both our own in their several wapentakes; after a courteous entertainment by Mr. Savile, returned safe, blessed be God!

25. Was all day attending workmen, making up windows, to prevent the extremity of an unequal

tax, that would else equal me in payment with the greatest nobleman.

March 21. Carried my children to see Hans Valery, (aged 40,) the German, who, though born without hands or arms, writes different hands and languages with his feet and mouth.

31. Rode with relations and others to the funeral of cousin Sagar, of Wakefield; attended the corpse to Tinglaw, to the burial-place, where Captain Pickering's and uncle Sykes's families are interred.

April 3. Cousin Elston, of Chesterfield, (late of Tinglaw,) is to be buried this day; there are six Nonconformist ministers of this county (Mr. Lister, Mr. Dawson, and Mr. Noble, and three more) died the last year, and two already in this, cousin Sagar and cousin Elston. Lord, prepare me for death and eternity!

13. Cleaning books, as usually once a year.

15. Made an end of my toil about the books, to clean them from moths, mould, &c. which loses several days every year.

25. Began to read the Bishop of Man's excellent Treatise of the Principles and Duties of the Christian Religion, received yesterday as a curiosity, (being the first book that was ever printed in the Manks language,) from the pious author, but find it also an excellent practical treatise in the English part of it.

June 8. Rode with Mr. R. P. to Wetherby; thence, alone to Parson Froget's, who obliged me

with his company to Ribston, where most courteously received by Sir Henry Goodrick, who showed me several valuable curiosities, ancient writings from King John and others, relating to the Templars' commandery there of old; the chapel is yet in being, and accommodated for present use: there are two modern inscriptions relating to the family of the Goodricks, which, though but here since the Reformation, yet is of good antiquity in Lincolnshire. I saw the pedigree of nine descents before that in Mr. Hopkinson's MS. several of which have been very eminent. I was best pleased with that of Sir John Goodrick, who gave the tithes, worth better than 100*l.* per annum, to the church of Hunsingore. He wrote also a Latin History of this nation, in a large folio; I saw the autograph and some original surveys of Christopher Saxton's; took notice of the family pictures since the Reformation, but was troubled that the famous Bishop's, who was also Lord Chancellor, was not there; but he gave his estate, &c. to the eldest branch, this being the second. There is also a good library, though I had not time to view it; only took notice of a Common-Prayer-Book, 1552: but I durst not stay, for fear of missing my company at Wetherby, with whom I returned by way of Thorner; transcribed Sir John Savile's epitaph from his monument lately erected there, and got well home.

13. Finished transcript of our pedigree, upon parchment; brought it down from Canutus's time to

my children. Lord! make them truly pious and useful, and it will abundantly suffice, though they want the many lordships possessed by their ancestors.

July 7. Showing collections to Mr. Wilkinson, Vicar of Halifax; and, in the evening, to a stranger brought by Captain Nevile, as a kinsman of Dr. Sacheverel's, but supposed to be the Doctor himself, incognito; the hand is not unlike, and the motto suitable, *dulce et decorum pro patriâ pati.*

17. Up pretty early, preparing for a journey to York, with my only daughter. Lord! make it for her good, in all respects for her improvement, and preserve us from all evil accidents; but, above all, from sin itself, which is the worst of all. Was visited by an exile, Dr. ———, to whom showing a few of the antiquities till the coach was ready, where unexpectedly met Mrs. Hutton, (a descendant of the Archbishop's,) designed for the same place with my daughter, an acceptable convenience for both, being acquainted before they were bed-fellows. At Tadcaster visited old Mrs. Morley, to inquire for autographs; after, got well to York; disposed of my daughter (with Mrs. Hutton) at Mr. Lumley's, at the Manor-house,* much, I hope, to their advantage. Afterwards, returned to Micklegate, got Mr. Smith's company, condoled the death of his uncle, my old friend, Mr. H. Gyles, the famous Glass-painter.

18. Walked to the Manor to see my poor daugh-

* The Manor-school was long in high reputation.

ter, and discourse Mr. Lumley; looked at a variety of ingenious books; pitched upon some needlework embroidery, and some cross-stitch worsted for chairs. Visited Dr. Fall, the pious precentor, indisposed; went to the prayers at the Minster, less intelligible to such country auditors, who are not accustomed to organs and singing their prayers; but was pleased that I met with the excellent Mr. Archdeacon Pearson, who kindly went along with me to the Register's office (Mr. Empson being dead) to desire Mr. Jub, his successor, to lend me the subscription books. I dined at Mr. Tirick's, another of the prebendaries, and friend of Bishop Burnet's, under which pious prelate he received part of his education. After visited the two aged virgins, Mrs. Pauldens (about eighty years old); was pleased with an account of their four memorable brothers,* of whom I took notes, as after from Sheriff Baines, of the family at Knowstrop.

19. With Mr. Smith to view the drawings, &c. of the late ingenious Mr. Gyles, with great quantities of curious painted glass. After, with Mr. Knaresbrough, the most ingenious priest I have met with of the Romish communion.

20. Walked to Bishop Thorp, where most kindly received by his Grace; writing an account of the family from Mr. Richardson.

* The Pauldens had been officers in the Royal army. One of them, about this time, published an account of the surprise and ath of General Rainsborough, in his quarters, at Doncaster.

21. At the Lady Perrot's,* with her son, the parson, running over the library, which has been curious, of his grandfather and uncle, eminent in their generations, some of whose manuscripts and antique pamphlets he presented me with. After dinner with the Lady (who has been very fortunate in her sons, of whom, one was Mayor of Hull the last year, and another is Lord Mayor of York this, as her husband had been in his time.) Visited Dr. Wainwright, whose treatise of Non-Naturals is much valued, has already had a second impression. After, to visit my late dear friend, Mr. Torre's widow, with his son and daughters, taking an account from the pedigree of his nativity, with the titles of his valuable MSS. now in my Lord Archbishop of York's library, beside which there yet remain several of Heraldry at Normanton: then at the Manor; could not but be pleased with my poor daughter's affection, who came running to me with tears of joy that I was well, fearing the contrary, because of my two days' absence at Bishopthorp. Evening, with cousin Lumley at young Gyles', to inquire for Roman antiquities, found as digging for clay; procured two of the pots.

22. Dined at Mr. Townley's, or rather Madam Kennet's, who presented me with a delicate piece of

* She was *Lady* Perrot according to a custom, now laid aside, of continuing that title, during life, to the wife of a Lord Mayor of York. Andrew Perrot, this lady's husband, was son of Dr. Richard Perrot, Prebendary of York, and vicar of Hull. *Duc. Leod.* p. 76.

Nun's-work, wrought by her niece Townley, a canoness regular at Paris. After, walked with Mr. Townley to view the old Bale: I left the old gentleman at the foot of it, and walked to the height of the Mount, which answers to that of the Castle and Clifford's Tower, on the north side of the river, and though this might have some additional fortifications added by Archbishop Melton, as Camden hints, yet I take it to have been originally a Roman fortification, as appears by the steep mount and camp, surrounded with a considerable vallum. Was also with Mr. Bayns and Mr. Dixon, to see the new manufacture; fetched my daughter and Mrs. Hutton from the Manor, to see the Judges come in at Micklegate. Evening, with Mr. Errington and Mr. Raynes; took an account of two remarkable passages in the North, for which I had wrote to Newcastle, but in vain, since Dr. Cay's death: had forgot to note that I was at the Lord Mayor's, to see the sword of the famous Gustavus Adolphus, which is his Lordship's own property, and to take a more particular account of the inscriptions upon those that belong to the city.

25. With Mr. Carpenter about the monument for my dearest father; left his picture and a model with him.

26. Lost most of the forenoon waiting for the coach, which came not till one; but, blessed be God, I got well home, and in tolerable time, and found all well, for which mercies to me and mine, I have the more reason to be thankful, when I con-

sider the calamities and sudden deaths of others: Sir Francis Hungate passed by me in the morning, as I waited for the coach; and before I left the city a messenger came, that he died immediately after he got home.

Aug. 3. Showing collections to Dr. Gibson, of Covent Garden, (uncle to Dr. Edmund Gibson, of Lambeth,) whose rare treatise of Anatomy has had several impressions; in company were two of Richard Cromwell's daughters,* who took notice of what related to that family. Thus am I exposed, like a common innkeeper, to guests of all complexions; the last was Dr. Sacheverel's kinsman, these, two of Oliver Cromwell's grand-daughters, (one of which seemed to have his height of spirit); but as much as moderation is decried, one betwixt both extremes, is, in my opinion, to be preferred before either.

10. Finished the perusal of good Mr. Strype's History of the Life of the excellent Archbishop Grindall, an admirably pious and most excellent Bishop, notwithstanding some late invidious reflections upon him as a false brother.

12. With the Corporation about public concerns, consulting upon erecting a hall for the white cloths, &c. Memorandum: the foundation of the front of the new Guildhall was now laid, the engines exercised, &c.

14. Rode with the Mayor, cousin Milner, and others, to my Lord Irwin, about the erection of a

* Dr. Gibson married one of the daughters of Richard Cromwell.

hall for the white cloths in Kirkgate, to prevent the damage to this town, by one lately erected at Wakefield, with design to engross that affair, which is computed to bring above one hundred tradesmen every market-day to this town, which that would utterly prevent for the future if permitted. His Lordship gave all the encouragement imaginable, and after dinner showed me some curious MSS., formerly part of Sir Henry Spelman's library, particularly Walter Hemingford's Chronicle in Latin, the Laws of Henry IV. from first to his twelfth year, in French; but I was best pleased with a History from Albion to Henry V. in old English. Mr. Ray, his Lordship's chaplain, made me a present of a pair of gloves, large enough for a grown woman, enclosed within the gilded shells of a walnut, and brought me some other curiosities from Signor Sebastiano Altocribel, which are entered under his name.

15. Surprised to find the dry shrub, that was last night like a withered gall closed up, to be this morning expanded above three inches by immerging it in water: it is called the Angelical Rose, (Jericho, by Dr. Brown): it was brought by the said Signor Altocribel from the desert of Judea.

25. Finished the perusal of Mr. P. Gordon's Geography, a most excellent treatise, and I was particularly pleased with some pious reflections intermixed, an ornament, no blemish, to the work.

Sept. 1. Had no workmen, that I might get to church, yet prevented by three companies succes-

sively to see the collections, which the noted horse-races had brought to town.

27. Much concerned for the indisposition of my dear friends, the Recorder and cousin Cookson; then surprised with the news of one of the workmen being slain, and another wounded, by the fall of some stones, as taking down the scaffolds from the new erected town-house.

28. Somewhat indisposed; my dear wife blamed a too affectionate concern for my dear friend's illness as the cause, and I must own I am heartily affected, but desire a submissive heart.

Oct. 2 to 5. To visit dear Mr. Thornton; was much affected with his weakness.

6. With the three doctors at dear Mr. Thornton's, under great weakness. To speak to Dr. Richardson and other Justices at the Free School, where the Sessions was kept (the Town-hall being not finished,) by the Justices for the West Riding, as on Wednesday it had been there for this borough. Was after with Mr. Calverley and Mr. Fawkes, but stayed not, being deeply concerned for my dear friend, who seems to be upon the confines of eternity. Lord, grant him an easy and comfortable passage into a blessed immortality! Endeavoured in private and family prayer to wrestle in his behalf. He died this evening at forty-five minutes past eight, as Dr. Richardson afterwards told me. The Lord sanctify this severe loss to his surviving friends!

7. I went to the house of mourning, to weep over

the remains of my dearest friend, which were lovely even after death, the encounter with the king of terrors having not wholly deprived him of his native smiles, the only countenance in whom any thing of that nature appeared, there being a general sadness upon the faces of all persons, not there only, but elsewhere, the justices, clergy, commonalty, indeed the most general lamentation that ever I knew. And if my dear child Richard live to read these hints, let him endeavour to imitate the virtues of his surety, that he may, like him, be useful and amiable in life, and then he may expect to be happy and lamented at death, as his grandfather Thoresby and godfather Thornton were above most men in their generations.

9. The great Court Leet and Court Baron was held in the Free School, (the Moot-hall not being re-edified,) which was fitted up accordingly with conveniences for both the juries.

11. Hasted to the house of mourning, took a doleful leave of the remains of my dear friend; then officiated (as requested) in delivering gloves, scarfs, &c. to the nobility and gentry that were designed to support the pall, others being served below stairs.

12. At a full court, where my nephew Wilson was, by a great majority of votes, (twenty-four in twenty-nine,) elected to succeed my late dear friend, Mr. Thornton, as Recorder of this borough.* Was

* This election was not confirmed. The account which Thoresby gives of the affair in the *Review*, is this: "William Nevile, Esq. the

constrained to stay too late, and subscribe a paper about the new seats for the Common Council adjoining to that of the Aldermen.

19. Attended the Mayor and Corporation to York, where most gave one vote for Sir William Strickland, and the other, either for the Lord Downe or Sir Arthur Kay; many others gave single votes for the first, who yet, by the joining of the other two, was vastly outdone.

20. Made a visit or two to Mr. Nalson, and Mr. Hodgson, the charitable and pious Lady Hewley's chaplain, to obtain an account of her benefactions, which see elsewhere. Went with Mr. Archdeacon Pearson and Lady to Bishopthorp, where most kindly received by his Grace, notwithstanding the endeavours of some furiosos to misrepresent me. His Lordship's present of autographs is noted elsewhere. Spent the evening at the Lady Perrot's, with the late Mayor of Hull, the parson, and other relations, but scarce any where without unhappy disputes, even amongst nearest relations, about the wretched distinctions betwixt high and low Church.

21. Missed (as yesterday) of Sir Henry Goodrick

High Sheriff, under the name of the Church, misrepresented the magistrates as Whigs to the Duke of Leeds, and consequently to her Majesty: so that the royal fiat was recalled, and a person altogether insufficient, but more to their purpose, was appointed. I should not have mentioned things of this nature, but that at the request of the Mayor, Alderman Milner, and other magistrates, I was employed to write in the just vindication of the Corporation to some persons of honour." Mr. Wilson was elected Recorder of Leeds at a more favourable juncture afterwards.

and Mr. Gale, (the Parliament-man for North Allerton,) but happily met with Mr. Westby, who, with his brother White, is in the same capacity for Retford; he is also one of the trustees for my Lord Wharton's benefactions, by whose interest, I hope this town will be sure of the Bibles, according to his kind promise to me. After, made a hasty visit to Mr. Place, the artist, (returned from London,) cousin Lumley, and Dr. Fall, and got just in time for cousin Milner's coach. We stayed a little at Tadcaster, and got home in good time, blessed be God for mercy! was much concerned for the intemperate heat of some indiscreet persons, to put the softest construction that is possible upon the rude affronts that had been put upon the Mayor and other magistrates yesterday, and upon our company to-day. Lord, heal all the breaches of this divided sinful nation!

24. Writing the deeds for Mr. Oates, the new Trustee for Madam Leighton's benefaction.

November 3. Sealing the writings for Mr. Oates,* the third Trustee elected in my time for Madam Leighton's pious benefaction, none of the thirteen feoffees, from the foundation, having continued so long, but old cousin Milner and Mr. Bryan Dixon. I had an opportunity of diverting the Charity to what some may think, not only more legal, but more universal, by electing Trustees of a different deno-

* The first of a numerous family settled at Leeds, distinguished by worth, talent, and public spirit.

mination, and thought once of choosing Alderman Milner, and cousin Wilson, our new Recorder, who would, no doubt, have discharged the trust as faithfully as any; but considering the founder's will and strict charge, I think it justice and honesty to continue to those that succeed in the same communion she was a stated member of.

December 17. Die Dom. The vicar made an excellent sermon, and too suitable to the piteous state of this divided town. Afterwards at cousin Milner's request, was with him to speak to the vicar; was much concerned to see him so deeply affected for an unjust calumny cast upon him by the malice of unreasonable men; the vicar promised to transcribe the sermon for his satisfaction, and half yielded to its publication, which is too seasonable for this sinful distracted nation as well as town, and particularly for the necessary vindication of this worthy magistrate, who in this exigence discovered his will to us, wherein he has left 400*l.* to the Charity-school, or that failing, 10*l.* per annum to the poor, and the other moiety to the lecturer of the old church, which shows his sincere affection to that church, of which the present ferment will not admit us to be members. Lord, heal our breaches, in thy due time!

23. To visit cousin Wilson, where met with parson Lodge, cousin Sykes's second son, and Mr. Thomas Dinsdale, who had been sealing the writings, whereby he settles forty shillings per annum upon the clerk of the new church.

A. D. 1711.

January 1. This being the first day of a new year, that through the sparing mercy of a good God, I am permitted to see the light of, I had some serious thoughts how to improve the short space of my pilgrimage (how small a part of this year it may continue, the Lord only knows!) more to the glory of God and the good of my soul, and resolve by the divine assistance, to be more constant and frequent in reading that best of books, the Holy Bible, that inestimable treasure; for though besides the psalms and chapters that are daily read at church (for the advantage of which I desire to bless God) I always read some practical exposition of the Scripture to the family, yet it often happening that the treatise I read in secret proves less practical than I expected, and though they add to my knowledge in some nicer points relating to the Scripture, yet are not so moving and affecting,—I design for the future to read a chapter in the Bible, morning and evening, and in secret, besides the said other treatises; accordingly I begun at the first of Genesis. Lord, give a blessing! Evening, son Ralph read us the conclusion of the account of the dreadful storm, anno 1703, with the earthquake.

10. At the first sessions in the new erected Guild-hall.

27. Concluded Bishop Cumberland's accurate and

ingenious treatise of the Scripture Weights and Measures; afterwards weighing my shekels and selah.

February 18. Was at the funeral of Thomas Parin's wife, who (though an inferior barber) designs to leave 3*l.* per annum to the Charity School.

March 4. Was at the funeral of Mr. John Barlow, who has very kindly bequeathed 5*l.* per annum to the Charity School, 6*l.* per annum to poor widows that do not beg, &c.; 10*s.* to the lecturer of the old, and as much to that of the new church, yearly.

9. Diverted by seeing Mr. Nevile, the High Sheriff of the county, attended by many gentlemen and near one hundred liveries, pass by for York; at their entrance to York, above two hundred and thirty liveries.

29. At court, where my cousin Walker, producing the Queen's patent, under the broad seal of Great Britain, was sworn Recorder, in place of my late dearest friend, Richard Thornton, Esquire: my nephew Wilson was elected by the Corporation, but by the misrepresentation of some under-hand dealers (advantaged by the present ferment in the nation) could not obtain the royal fiat, but had a retaining fee from the Corporation given him last night, as council in all cases relating thereto.

April 4. With cousin Milner rode to Bolton Percy, to see his noble purchase of that Lordship and Nun Appleton; was most agreeably entertained by the

pious rector, the excellent Mr. Archdeacon Pearson, who has erected there a very curious parsonage-house at the charge of 800*l.*

5. In his excellent library, and taking extracts from the parish Register, and a MS. of his own collections. We after rode to Nun Appleton, to see the stately fabric erected by the late Thomas Lord Fairfax, the General, which has been a noble palace; the gallery, about fifty yards long, has thirty escutcheons, in wood, and painted with the several matches of the family. There are a great number of chimney-pieces, of delicate marble of various colours, and such a number of rooms, as I heard of none that had numbered them: upon the leads, we had a fair view of the country (though its situation is rather too low) at a good distance; but the cupola lets in rain, that the house is in part ruinous, and being abundantly too large, is shortly to be demolished, and a more convenient one erected out of part of the materials; so that an old servant, (my Lord's coachman,) who is permitted to live in it, may probably see another spring out of the ashes of this, as he did this out of those of the old nunnery, of which nothing remains, save a few old grave stones: upon one was a cross fleuri, but no legible inscriptions, that I saw; but the Archdeacon saw one which serves as a foot-bridge in Bolton Ings, for one of the Prioresses, but has forgot the name. We afterwards rode round most of the spacious park, out of which 300 head of deer were, of late years, sold for so

trifling a sum as 20*l.* as my cousin Milner found in the accounts; so ill managers have been the descendants of an ancient and honourable family, of which I noted in the Registers of Bolton this morning, that there were four Knights living at the same time, Sir Thomas Fairfax, senior and junior, (of Denton and Appleton,) Sir William and Sir Philip Fairfax, of Steeton; now, not one. *Sic transit gloria mundi!*

6. Rise before five; left my bed-fellow asleep; writing from MSS. and Bishop Morley's memorable letter to Sir William Lowther; after, viewing the fabric of the church and monuments of the Fairfaxes, of which see elsewhere. After dinner, took leave of the good family; returned by another road (near Steeton) to Tadcaster: and thence home, and in good time, and found all well there, blessed be God, though a sad accident at my cousin Cookson's; a pretty young man, his servant, drowned in the river Aire this flood.

13. At the Court; and evening, till very late, (if not early) with the justices and lawyers, at a treat at cousin Milner's. The Clerk of the Peace told me he had not for many years known so considerable a Sessions, there being as much business as at some Assizes, a good omen, this being the first Sessions in the new Guildhall.

15. Finished Dr. Edwards's notable discourse upon the Union, but did next to nothing in the evening, being with cousin Milner to visit Colonel Gledhill, at cousin Atkinson's, who is evidently taken

off by the October Club, as he calls them, that they might be revenged upon my friend, the Bishop of Carlisle, who felt their displeasure for screening his friend, Sir James Montague, whose interest and family (Lord Halifax) had been useful to his Lordship in his contest with the Dean. Sir James's letter was not pretended, (as in the printed votes,) but real, only not seasonable to be owned, that it fell hard upon the worthy Bishop.

17. Was much of day within, finishing my copy of the Prophetic Picture, from the Vatican, at Rome.

19. With Mr. Carpenter, beginning the model of a bust, for my honoured father's monument.

25. Upon the turret I observed a rainbow so unusually low, that I seemed to stand within it, and counted six distinct colours against the grass, on the declining side of a hill, the air being very moist and thick.

28. At Court; where cousin Atkinson was elected Alderman; he treated last week as Common Council-man, this as Alderman, and a week after, as Justice of North Riding.

May 4. At Sir Henry Piers' request, who was somewhat indisposed, took a walk with him, which had the desired effect upon him, and, in some measure, answered also my purpose; for, taking our course to Thorpe Hall, I took particular notice of the vestigia of the Roman Via Vicinalis, which seems to come from the great military road upon Bramham Moor, by Brown Moor, near Barrowby,

where it is evident, to this place, (from whence there is a part that yet remains, with a turn up towards the last-mentioned place) but what I traced and measured by my paces to be upwards of 400 yards, tends directly towards Leeds, and, at a little distance, is visible again upon the height of the ascent betwixt Skelton Grange and Knowstrop.

10. Walked with my children to Whitkirk, to show them the Lord Irwin's tomb; I compared my transcript of the epitaphs, took account of Lady Gascoigne's benefaction.

16. With Sir Henry Piers and the Swede, to see le grand Maximilian Christopher Miller, born at Leipsic 1683; he is (as I measured him) seven feet and three or four inches tall.

19. Walked to Berwick-in-Elmete, to consult my old friend, the parson, about my MS., concerning which I have of late received so many letters and solicitous requests from my friends for the publication, that, considering the infirmities which I perceive growing upon me, I cannot but look upon as a memento of my own mortality, and its miscarriage, if not timely prevented.

22. To see the new white Cloth Market in Kirkgate, the new Whitehall being opened this day. Was after with Madam Thornton about the monument for one of the best of men.

28. Rose by five; preparing for a journey to York; went by coach with Sir Henry and Lady Piers, per Tadcaster (where staid till the heat was

partly over) to York; went to Mr. Carpenter's about the monument; lodged there.

29. To visit Dr. Colton and Mr. Hodgson, to inquire of more particulars of the late pious and charitable Lady Hewley's benefactions.

30. At Mr. Hammond's, where purchased Kirby's Inquest, and other MSS. in folio.

[e] June 1. Wrote from subscription book; then walked to Bishopthorp to wait of his Grace, whom I was glad to find so hearty; was with my Lord privately in library, about coins. After dinner, consulting Monsieur Valliant, of the consular moneys. Having, for some hours, enjoyed his Grace's converse, with Dr. Deering, (the new Dean of Ripon,) and Mr. Richardson's, I returned with Captain Goodman, (a relation of the Archbishop of Canterbury's wife;) in return, visited Mr. Lamb's widow, and Mr. Smith, with whom viewing the remains of the late ingenious Mr. Gyles's glass paintings, &c.

2. To borrow the last and present book of subscriptions to transcribe, upon which so intent lest it should be wanted, that I willingly lost dinner to finish and return it in time (though not to omit the public prayers.) Was after, with Mr. Archdeacon Pearson, who kindly obliged me with an epitaph for the monument. Was after, with Sir Henry and Lady Piers, to view the Lady Hewley's hospital, Mr. Gyles's paintings, and some curiosities at Mrs. Taylor's, the great arch of Ouse-bridge, &c. In re-

turn, visited Mrs. Lamb, a pious matron, from whom writ some Memoirs of her husband.

4. With Sir Henry Piers to visit Dr. Birbeck and his ingenious contrivance about his bees: then at printing-press, and after at the rolling-press at Mr. Place's, where Cousin Lumley printed me off my ten Scocheons.

5. Packing up for home, where, blessed be God, we got very well (after a melting day's travel in the coach).

20. Writing to Oxford, and transmitting a MS. statute of New College, at the Vice-Chancellor's request.

21. Walked to Wakefield about poor ministers' concerns, and that of Aunt Sykes and son John's; got them a 20*l.* bond in, and eleven years' interest: made some transient visits, but succeeded in nothing, save some old seals and writings from the Lord Eure's and Sir John Nelthrop's papers.

27. Rode with Mr. Robinson (at his request) to Berwick, to consult Mr. Plaxton about his designed benefaction to this town; he showed us his will, whereby he disposes of lands and tenements to the value of 200*l.* per annum to the charity-school, or other pious uses, in case that should fail; the Mayor and Vicar of Leeds, and Ministers of New Churches, being perpetual trustees, together with three of his nephews. In return, we talked of a new edition of his Uncle Harrison's Manual of Prayers, with

addition of others, and an account of his benefactions, &c. by way of preface.

28. In walks backward, finished a piece of Baron Van Helmont's, which Mrs. Bland would have me read, but is, I confess, in a great measure unintelligible to me, if not downright enthusiastical.

July 10. Showing collections to Cousin Lumley of York; had his company and Mr. Carpenter's to dinner; after, at his request, sitting for my picture in crayons; had Sir Henry Piers's company all the time, with whom after, at Mr. R.'s and bowling-green, with cousin, till late enough.

17. Preparing for a journey; had so many visitants to take leave of daughter, that did little.

18. Packing up my daughter's apparel till eight, when begun our journey, which, blessed be God! she performed very well (though the first time on horseback), and through mercy we got safe to York about two (after a short bait at the Street-houses): after I had placed her at Cousin Nicholson's (who received her very respectfully,) I visited Dr. Colton about the late pious Lady Hewley's benefactions; was sorry to hear that there are endeavours to frustrate them, and chancery suits commenced already. Evening, with Mr. Walker, about the subpœna, till too late.

19. Met the High Sheriff with a message from the Judge, who was desirous to see me, with the like from the new Dean of Carlisle, Dr. Todd, whom I had but just time to see hasting to the Castle to

wait of Baron Bury, who earnestly solicited me to dine with him to-morrow, (his Lordship dining abroad to-day) which I could not comply with and get home in time, so promised at night. Lost much of the afternoon in Castle-yard, expected a trial in vain. Evening, supped with the Judges, and spent the evening with great satisfaction, my Lord Chief Justice Sir Thomas Parker, and Judge Bury, being both persons of curiosity, as well as eminency in their own faculty.

20. According to Baron Bury's request, went to show his Lordship the multangular tower and Roman wall, betwixt the Manor and the Mint-yard, of which see Philosophical Transactions, No. 149. His Lordship was mightily pleased with so copious and visible remains of the Roman grandeur, which he had always enquired of at the assizes, but could never learn what it was till I showed it him. His Lordship carried me along with him (in the Sheriff's coach) to the Castle, where the cause betwixt Sir Henry Piers and Mr. Walker was tried before my Lord Chief Justice, who would have me sit next his Lordship in the Court, and took my travelling album, and writ three remarkable sentences, &c. Rode home.

30: Sent for to the Court, where was indecent brawlings betwixt two opposite parties: in this matter I forsook (and fear I disobliged) some of my old friends, thinking it unreasonable, after about twenty years' intermission, to fine a gentleman for his re-

signation; the case was Mr. Pawson's; we were twenty-four in court, ten voted to fine him, the rest either blanks or in express words no fine.

Aug. 2. Read the rest of good Mr. Chorley's Metrical Index of the Bible (the author's present); was much pleased therewith.

5. Was startled with the account in the public papers of Mr. Roots and his wife, (my good old friend Mr. Corn. Todd's daughter) and six in the family, of which Mrs. Jane Hickson of this town was one, who were poisoned by their servant, an Italian maid, who is committed to Newgate for the barbarous fact.

6. Afternoon, with Lords of Manor and at the Sessions, where the Vicar in open Court complained to the Mayor, that Russell, one of his officers, lived in adultery, which his conscience would not suffer him to permit without complaint.

10. Rode to Ledston Hall, got in time for prayers; was extremely pleased with most agreeable conversation of the most pious and excellent Lady Elizabeth Hastings, who showed me some curious books, delicate pictures, and fine needle-work, but her exemplary piety and charity is above all; was also very well pleased with Signor Ludolph (of whom see what is entered under his Russian motto in my travelling Album).

16. Preparing for a journey that I wish had been in my power to divert another day, that I might have employed this in meditation, &c., considering

the misspence of fifty-three years. Lord, pardon what is irrevocably lapsed, and help me to spend the short remains more usefully! I rode by way of Beeston, for young Mr. Bland's company, with whom I rode by the boundaries of this parish, through Midleton and Thorp-on-the-Hill, (*super montem* in the Rothwell registers,) by Lingwell-gate to Wakefield Outwood, where are several cast-up banks, which I suppose to have been the encampments of the Lingones, (of which, see my thoughts in the Philosophical Transactions, No. . . .,) and the place from them so denominated Lingonum vallum, (which val was pronounced *wal*, as is evident from Casaubon, Somner, &c.) Not meeting with Mr. Skelton, we passed Wakefield, and rode near the ruins of Sandal castle, by Chevet Hall to Royston, by Burton Grange, where are the pious Lady Armine's almshouses, and Stairfoot, which is rightly called Ardsley, to Wombwell, where we were most kindly received by Mr. Wombwell. After dinner, perused the pedigree of that ancient family, and having seen the dungeon, where tradition says a Saxon king was imprisoned, rode thence to (the extent of my designed journey,) Wentworth Woodhouse; we were severely wet in a sore rainy day, but I hope without other inconvenience. Was most kindly received by his honour Wentworth, his lady and their only son; spent rest of the day and evening very agreeably with them and Mr. Goodwin, (the young gentleman's tutor,) Mr. Mangy, and Mr. Thirlby, the chaplain.

I was mightily pleased with the regularity and piety of the family, which is very numerous, yet all duly attend the prayers twice every day in the family. Read a little in a MS. of Sir William's, the first Baronet.

17. Reading ditto MS., which argues the piety and abilities of the author; I transcribed from it three memorable passages: taking particular notice of the pictures in the noble gallery, where are many originals of eminent statesmen, &c. Then had Mr. Goodwin's assistance in transcribing the pedigree, from a very noble draft of it, with the other ancient families whereinto they matched, attested by W. Flower, Norroy temp. Eliz. Had some assistance from his Honour as to the Lord Rockingham's family, in my continuation of it. Afterwards most agreeably entertained in the library, wherein are many valuable books, as well printed as MS.; but I was most engaged in perusing original letters to the first Earl of Strafford till prayer-time, (which is best of all.) After dinner, walked in the gardens, which are large and noble, with delicate walks and groves, wherein the trees are regularly placed, by direction of my late dear friend, Mr. Kirk; there is a curious bust of King Charles the First in one of the gardens. I spent some time, very much to my satisfaction, in the Tower, built by the gardens, for the ancient writings and evidences; saw some grants, &c. under the great seals of several monarchs, particularly King

Stephen's, about Tinsley, where his Honour has rebuilt the church, and raised the pension from 5*l.* to 35*l.* per annum. We after walked to the church at Wentworth, the east end whereof was rebuilt by the late Earl, and much enlarged, that there is place for two new monuments he erected for his Countess and his memorable father, the first Earl, which I transcribed, and compared those I had formerly wrote with the brasses. After return, was again perusing some original letters till evening.

18. Walked to see the curious fish-ponds, and to take leave of his Honour, who was with the workmen there; but he returned with me to the library, and gave me some valuable original letters, (of which there were several from the same hands.) In return, I visited good old Mr. Ellis, the benefactor, at Brampton, and cousin Rayner, at Great Houghton, where she has lately erected a charity-school, towards endowing of which, ditto Mr. Ellis has given 50*l.* Returned by Henley, Breerley, Felkirk, and Mr. Mountain's [Moncton's] (the Parliament-man.) We were late enough, and had rain in our return, but favourably dealt with, there being violent showers on each hand of us, of which we had but the skirts.

22. Walked with my dear to Black Moor side, to do an act of charity to widow Wright, (the excellent Mr. Williams's daughter,) in her afflicted state; it was very late ere got back, but there seemed a necessity for doing it now.

30. Walked with Dr. Richardson to see Burble

Well, near Middleton Wood, a spring, of late discovered to be as effectual for the cure of tender eyes and healing sores, as the noted well at Ighley.

31. At the Court, where cousin Cookson was elected alderman, (had twenty-three of twenty-five votes in court, to receive him again into Corporation after his resignation, though this so offended a late member, who, in full expectation of the place, had ordered a treat, that he threw in his resignation.)

Sept. 5. Walked with Mr. Theo. C. by Kirkstal, Rodley, Calverley Mills, where there is a good new bridge of hewn stone, lately erected, and Aperley-bridge to Esholt, where of old was a nunnery; but I could hear of no inscriptions, save of Elizabeth Pudsey, the last prioress; but the present heir, Walter Calverley, of Calverley and Esholt, Esq. has lately erected here a noble and beautiful house, to which he is adding gardens and waterworks, &c.; but my business lay chiefly amongst the old writings, of which there is a valuable and very numerous collection. I run over three drawers full, took extracts of some, and made alterations and additions to the pedigree from original deeds, &c.; and after a most courteous entertainment by the worthy gentleman, and resisting his importunity to stay all night, (which I would not comply with, because I left my dear child Richard in the measles, though under most comfortable circumstances.) Returned home on foot with Mr. Calverley, and got home in good time, (though about fifteen miles.)

18. Finished perusal of Dr. Wotton's Reflections upon Ancient and Modern Learning, which argues the excellent author a most extraordinary person, and admirably acquainted with both.

21. Visited by Mr. Knight, a Fellow of the Royal Society, Mr. Blythman, of London, to see the collections, that got not to prayers, though attended them to both churches. Afternoon, walked to Beeston Chapel; in my walk read Mad. de Scudery's Essay upon Glory, done into English, by another ingenious lady, Mrs. Elstob, who presented it to me.

November 14. Taking extracts from Fuller's Pisgah Sight, (the perusal of which I now finished,) an ingenious and useful book, as explaining many usages, &c. in Scripture. Evening, perusing MS. proceedings of the Justices of the West Riding, from 1629 to 1632, part of which time was the plague in these parts, a dismal and awakening Providence. Lord deliver us from the like in this age!

17. I ought to take notice of the mercy of God to this town, in a timely discovery of a fire begun in a chandler's house, that might have endangered, at least, that part of the town, but was happily extinguished by the engine: this reminds me of a sad calamity befell Southwell, in the neighbouring county of Nottingham, the very last week, when the famous Cathedral there was fired by lightning, about ten in the evening, of the 5th of November, and burnt till eight the next morning, that all was entirely consumed; many censure it as a judgment

for not having had any divine service there that day, which I cannot believe.

December 13. At funeral of Madam Calverley; after, with Sir Walter Calverley; the funeral being by torch-light, this was the first time that the new candlestick in the church (with thirty branches) was used.

14. Surprised with an unusual flaming sky, as if that part of the heaven had been actually on fire. I called up the boys into the library to take notice of it, endeavouring to press home that of the Apostle upon their hearts, "the day of the Lord shall come as a thief in the night; wherein the heavens being on fire, shall be dissolved," which fell in course this morning.

19. At Mr. Robinson's to show him Sir Philip Sydenham's letter, that concerned his pious father's Memoirs; and, at his request, attested his will, written in four sheets, by his own hand; of his benefactions see elsewhere.

20. Concluded the Revelations; this was that edition which was printed by Harrison, 1562, with Archbishop Cranmer's Prologue. Was with the trustees, distributing great-grandfather Jenkinson's bequest to the poor of Woodhouse, and skirts of this town. Evening, began Genesis; this is Matthews's (or rather Rogers, the martyr's) edition, printed 1549.

21. With the said trustees, distributing the re-

mainder of the 10*l.* per annum to the poor, save that 3*l.* 13*s.* was paid for repairs of the Alms-houses.

A.D. 1712.

January 10. Walked with Mr. A. Fenton and Mr. J. Atkinson to Middleton Hall; was kindly received by Mr. Brandling, but got little information as to the ancient family of the Leghs, though Mr. Francis is yet living, whose grandfather died 117 years ago; in their private chapel I saw some rich copes and vestments, with pictures, &c. with a mass-book, but never a Bible in any language.

28. I had a sad night with the rheumatic pain; but, blessed be God, it was no worse; being told of the sudden death of Justice Wilkinson, of Burrough-bridge, (who married Mr. Cholmley's daughter, my quondam mistress,) who was well, sick and dead in less than two hours, whereas I am spared after many mementos of mortality.

February 3. I read what is written concerning the Sacrament of the Altar, in the Bishop's-book and King's-book, whereby it appears what slow progress the Reformation had made in that point, even anno 1543.

5. Was at Alderman Milner's about Mr. Plaxton's project of a fund for the aged and poor croppers, at 2*d.* or 4*d.* per cloth, in imitation of that at Newcastle, of 4*d.* per keel, which is thought would amount to as large a revenue, which is 46*l.* or 80*l.* per annum.

9. The Bible I concluded was an ancient translation in 4to.; this I begun is a Tindal's, in folio, with notes upon each chapter, printed anno 1549; yet different character from that I am reading in secret, though printed the same year; this, I presume, beyond sea.

March 3. Was all day at church, with Mr. Carpenter, setting up a monument for my honoured and dear father.

13. Rode with Mr. Robinson, of Rokeby, to Methley Hall. I was engaged in the noble long gallery, in noting as many of the arms in the windows as was possible for the time, but hasted by him to take a view of the country from the turret, upon the dog-kennel; such a stately fabric as I believe has not its fellow in England, built for the same purpose.

17. Rode to York; visited the obliging Serjeant Wynne, and Mr. Cuthbert, Recorder of Newcastle.

18. With Mr. Neville, cousin Cookson, and others of the Grand Jury, to see a reputed witch, who, though aged, could not repeat the Lord's Prayer; a fit instrument for Satan.

19. To see the remains of Mr. Gyles's glass paintings; after, to wait of Sir Walter Hawksworth, to peruse his pedigree and some MSS.; walked with him to the Castle; missed part of an excellent sermon of Mr. Archdeacon Pearson's, at the Minster; was to show the Mayor of Leeds the monuments; after dinner, to wait of the Lady Irwin.

20. At Trinity, to view some antiquities; with

Mr. Townley; missed of the Lady Anderton; was to visit Madam Kennet, but saw not my old friend, Mr. Charles Townley, disordered with age and infirmities.

21. Returned in the hackney coach, which prevented the inconveniencies might have attended my walk in much rain; found my family also in health. Blessed be the God of my mercies!

29. Transcribing manuscripts of Temple Newsome, &c. for the Lord Irwin, at his Lordship's request.

April 17. Concluded the Appendix to the Life and Acts of Archbishop Parker, very well performed by my pious and good friend Mr. Strype, from original manuscripts, letters, &c.

23. At cousin Cookson's treat as alderman (the first that was made at the new White-cloth-hall); visited Mrs. Thornton, and two sons of my dearest friend; was concerned to hear of the death of Dr. Watkinson, who has been Chancellor to four Archbishops successively; he died yesterday, as his wife did the last week, and good old Dr. Ellis, (a considerable benefactor) the beginning of this month, which has been fatal to ancient persons, the youngest of these being above four score.

29. Rode with cousin Wilson towards Pontefract, but left him and that road at the glass-house at Houghton, and rode by Ferrybridge to Brotherton to brother Rayner's.

30. Walked with Mr. Daubuz to Burton, to visit

my old friend Mr. Mauleverer, but found him so very weak that I enjoyed little satisfaction in the house where my dear wife was born; in return called at the vicarage; viewed two large volumes of parson Daubuz's learned and curious commentary upon the Revelation.

May 1. Read in Mr. Brooksby's learned tract of the Primitive Church, and my indisposition continuing, diverted myself by a walk to Ferry-bridge, to visit Mrs. Wainwright, but got back to the prayers at Brotherton Church, and went not to Pomfret till after dinner, and riding leisurely and alone, took more particular notice of the Roman milliare, or mile-stone, betwixt Pontefract and Ferry-bridge; it is now called St. Miles-, or Miles-stone-chair; perhaps the saintship is only to accompany what is at no great distance (but nigher the town) St. Thomas's-hill, which was so called, not from St. Thomas Becket, as is commonly mistaken, but the noted Thomas Earl of Lancaster, who was beheaded there, who though never canonized by the Pope, was sainted by the common people, who adored his picture, &c. believed his felt cured the head-ache, and his girdle delivered women in travail (see the Compendium Compertorum, taken in Henry VIII.'s time, manuscript.) Was after in the sessions and to visit relations, and the ingenious Mr. Marsden, the surveyor, who showed me a noted stair-case hewn out of the firm rock; it is sixty-three steps, besides those down into the first apartment, and at the foot

of all a good spring of clear water, the adjoining territory (since mostly converted to enclosures) is yet called Fryer-wood; this was probably the cell of some noted friar or anchorite.

2. Walked to Byram-hall; was very civilly received by Sir William Ramsden, who showed me some good pictures and very curious gardens, and that part were his pheasants breed. Returned through the Park to Houghton, where are made excellent flint glasses, by Methley. A captain, a stranger, was not much out of the way in mistaking the noted dog-kennel (where are the several apartments for those animals, as the infirmary, which some think was fitter for the founder, or other more rational creatures,) this he said very much exceeding one of the kind built by the Duke of Norfolk.

9. Visited by Mr. P., who acquainted me with the death of my good old friend Nicholas Mauleverer, Esq. I lately heard also of the death of another ancient gentleman, and my kind friend Charles Townley, and we have had three instances in this town of very sudden deaths of younger persons, all mementos for me to provide for that great change. I was after perusing and transcribing part of my will.

11. Concluded the learned and pious Mr. Thomas Calvert's Annotations upon Rabbi Samuel's Demonstration of the true Messias, or Blessed Jew of Morocco, which book first occasioned the worthy translator to be universally called Rabbi Calvert.

14. Having taken leave of my dear wife and children, and besought the divine protection and blessing upon them and me, I began my journey in company of my cousin Alderman Cookson. The Lord preserve us from all evil accidents, and carry us comfortably to the end thereof! His agreeable converse, and the others we met with at Ferry-bridge, amongst whom the son of the learned Monsieur Capellus, late Hebrew Professor at Saumur, and now an exile for religion at London, made the journey more pleasing. We got well to Barnby-moor, where we lodged, and where I happily met with my good friend Roger Gale, Esq. likewise upon his journey; we enjoyed ourselves very agreeably in discourse of certain books and their authors, but I was sorry when I heard afterwards that I missed one of that number as well as of my friends, who it seems lodged the same night at that town, *viz.* Robert Molesworth, Esq. one of whose sons succeeds him in a public character, and another was happy in remounting the famous Duke of Marlborough upon his horse, when his own was shot; but this worthy gentleman lodging at another house, I missed of him; but what I ought to take notice of in this Diary, chiefly designed for my private direction and reproof, is, that all four gentlemen being in one chamber, I was in a manner prevented of private prayer, both evening and morning. The Lord pity and pardon!

15. Through the Divine goodness we had a comfortable day's journey and advanced as far as Stamford; the noted places we passed through, or had a prospect of, are noted in former journals.

16. We proceeded in our journey, which was comfortable, through mercy, both as to way and weather, as well as company, which I ought the rather gratefully to acknowledge, because the last time I lodged at Stamford we were detained there by the great snow from Wednesday till Monday after; we now passed Huntingdon and lodged at Bigglesworth.

17. We came by the Earl of Salisbury's noble house at Hatfield; dined at Welling; were met and civilly treated at Barnet by Mr. Cookson of London, and got well and in good time, blessed be God! to London, where I lodged at Mr. M. Atkins's, in St. Paul's-church-yard, and had comfortable accommodations.

18. Die Dom. Morning retired; then called upon by cousin Cookson and his brother, with whom went to St. Paul's Church, where after the cathedral music, &c. (which would have been full as intelligible and agreeable to my private sentiments if reduced to what is so frequently repeated, "As in the beginning," &c.) was concluded, Mr. Cory preached an honest and excellent good sermon, from that of our Saviour's reproof to the Scribes and Pharisees, that even publicans and sinners should enter into heaven rather than they; amongst whose sins he showed

that formality, &c. were not the least. After dinner at Mr. Cookson's, we walked to St. Mary Overy's, in Southwark; viewed the monuments (amongst which a curious one for our countryman Gower, the then celebrated poet) before divine service, which was gracefully read by the noted Dr. Sacheverel, whom his greatest enemies must own to be a good like naught,* if he be one; Mr. . . . . (his brother in judgment as well as complexion) from that of the Apostle's rebuke, showed the necessity of reproof even of superiors in a latitudinarian age. We were afterwards civilly treated at his friend's house, and returned with Mr. C. to Bread-street, whence I walked to visit good old Mr. Stretton, and thence beyond Gray's-inn to deliver a letter, but frustrated in both.

19. Walked to Bloomsbury-square, to visit my Lord Archbishop of York, and after to Ormond-street, to Dean Hicks's; found them both under the like indisposition, the stone, though both I hope on the recovering hand; was kindly received by both, but missed of Dr. Sloane, and after of Dr. Woodward: afternoon, visited cousin Dickenson and Mrs. Emma Smith, about Mr. Hardy's books.

20. Morning, was at morning prayers at six of the clock in St. Paul's; took a pair of oars to Lambeth, where most courteously entertained by my kind friend, Dr. Gibson; after, went with cousin Cookson to the Temple, to visit cousin Idle, a stu-

* Alluding to the graceful and handsome person of Dr. Sacheverel.

dent there; thence to Westminster Hall and to both Houses of Parliament; wearied ourselves in the Court of Requests and lobby; visited Mr. Le Neve in the Court of Exchequer, who showed my friends the noted record Domesday-Book; after dinner, at a cookshop, we returned by coach to Gray's Inn, where treated by our Recorder, cousin Walker; after we parted, I walked to Mr. Collins, (near Temple-bar,) about his History of the Baronets.*

"21. At prayers at St. Paul's; then received a kind visit from Mr. Gale, another learned and ingenious son of my old friend, the excellent Dean of York; then with the printer, or rather composer of the press, an ingenious person, Mr. George James, who prints the votes; took a walk into Moorfields; picked up a few old books; lost much time at the carrier's that lost my company, but took a sculler to Whitehall; walked over St. James's Park, by the Duke of Buckingham's pleasant seat, *(sic siti lætantur Lares,)* to Chelsea; viewed, *en passant*, the noble college for lame soldiers, where two legs are almost criminal; thence walked to the good old Bishop of Gloucester's, where met with our common relation, cousin Cookson. His Lordship received me kindly, and entertained me agreeably, as he was pleased to say I did the like to himself, with well-

* Arthur Collins, then a bookseller, whose most valuable contributions to our genealogical knowledge were begun in 1708, by the publication of *The Peerage of England*, in an octavo volume, and continued in quick succession till his death.

attested narratives of Apparitions.* I after walked to Church Chelsea, to visit my good friend, Mr. Boulter, and mother, and was after with cousin Cookson to view some rare plants in the physic garden at Chelsea, and returned all of us, late enough, by water. I omitted in yesterday's walks, that we went to Mr. Carpenter's, in Piccadilly, to see the Queen's statue, in marble, in her Parliament robes, with crown, globe, and sceptre, cousin Milner's most noble present to the Corporation of Leeds, but not in that forwardness that I hoped, and himself expects.

22. At the prayers at St. Paul's. At eight, at Mr. Dale's, with whom I walked to the Earl of Oxford's most noble library; viewed several valuable manuscripts, ancient and modern, European and American: met there not only with my old friend, Mr. Wanley, the librarian, but the very eminent Mr. Anstis, and Mr. Kempe; thence walked to Westminster, and by the said Mr. Dale's means, (being a herald, and attending the formality in his habit,) had a convenient stand, where cousin Cookson and I not only had a full view of her Majesty as she passed into the House of Lords, to give the Royal Assent to several Bills, but had the honour of a particular bow from her Majesty in return to ours, which my modesty could not suppose particularly designed to us, till my cousin Cookson con-

* The Bishop of Gloucester was Dr. Fowler, whose name is too much connected with stories of this kind.

vinced me, by this argument, there were none else present but the heralds and guards that attended, there not being either Lord or private gentleman, save us two, in that station; but in this matter, it is easy to observe the pride of a vain mind, to take so particular notice of a common favour from an earthly monarch, and to take so little care in the interim to press after the favour of the glorious Majesty of Heaven. Having bought each a pair of black silk rolling stockings in Westminster Hall, we returned by water. I afterwards walked to meet my good friend, Dr. Sloane, the Secretary of the Royal Society, at the Grecian Coffee-house by the Temple, where I also met with Mr. Beaumont, who has wrote of Spirits, Apparitions, and (who has some things very curious relating to formed stones in the Philosophical Transactions,) Mr. Hill, the treasurer. In return, stayed a little with Mr. A. Collins, and concluded the day most agreeably with the prayers and psalm at St. Bride's, in my way home.

23. Morning, unhappily missed the public prayers; took coach with cousin Cookson and brother, to wait of Sir Arthur Kaye. I afterwards went (with letter from the Bishop of Carlisle) to the Honourable Mr. Campbell, nearly related to the Duke of Argyle, who showed me the noblest collection of Scotch coins in gold, as well as silver, and copper, that ever I beheld, or perhaps is to be seen in England; he showed me also several valuable editions of the Bible and Prayer-Books, Concordances, with the heads of eminent

persons, done by the pen or pencil, as well as rare prints. I walked from this gentleman's at the Mews to Whitehall, to Mr. Banks, at Mr. Newman's chambers; was very agreeably entertained with a relation of the good success of the public charities, domestic and foreign. Mr. Newman presented me with a leaf of the palm-tree, with part of the Gospel impressed on it in the Malabaric character and language, with a reviving account of the success of the Protestant Missionaries in propagating the Christian religion amongst the poor heathens in the East Indies. I afterwards walked to the Old Palace-yard in Westminster, but missed of Mr. Boswell;* upon my return visited Mr. Gale, who showed me his valuable collections in manuscript, relating to the Cathedral at York, which I hope he will be prevailed with to publish, when a little more perfected for the press. I afterwards met with our countrymen, Mr. Fairfax, our Recorder, cousin C., parson Clapham, and many others; but was neither good husband of money nor time.

24. Was at prayers at St. Paul's; then walked to Holborn to visit Dr. Richardson and other Yorkshire friends; dined at good old Mr. Stretton's, had also his son's company, and Mr. Coningham's, of Manchester: afterwards writing letters to Leeds and Oxford. Evening, with Mr. Dale, Mr. Sturt, and Mr. Atkins, till about ten.

* Alexander Bosville, a printer, or bookseller, named with respect in the *Vicaria*.

25. Die Dom. Morning, read in Sir Richard Cox's (Lord Chief Justice in Ireland, as I have it in an original letter, though his name be not to it) Inquiry into Religion, and the use of Reason in reference to it, the kind present of the publisher, Mr. Collins, by whose favour I had a good place for hearing in his pew, in St. Dunstan's Church, where a stranger, whom I took to be Dr. Mills, Bishop of Waterford, in Ireland, (whom I saw the last Lord's day at St. Paul's,) preached excellently concerning that now so sadly depreciated grace of love and Christian charity, from the parable of him that fell amongst robbers, met with no relief from priest and Levite, (from whom it might most reasonably have been expected,) but from the Samaritan, a fit type therein of our blessed Saviour; but dining with our Yorkshire friends at Mr. Cookson's, had not time to note the heads, nor of that in the afternoon, which Mr. Fairfax preached in Bread-street Church to oblige some of his countrymen, who desired a sermon with *teeth, (more Sachevereliano)* which though it bit none present, yet I dreaded might be misinterpreted by others: was after with him and other friends at Mr. C's.

26. Morning, at the cathedral prayers; after, walked with cousin Cookson and Mr. Ord (our fellow traveller) to Crane-court, in Fleet-street, to show them the New Repository, where the curiosities belonging to the Royal Society, (formerly at Gresham College) are advantageously placed, in dis-

tinct apartments, with the library, but found the old operator, Mr. Hunt, indisposed, yet kindly showed them to my friends. I observed also some additions, very considerable, since I saw them before: upon our return, Mr. Atkins went along with us to the top of the cathedral of St. Paul's, a most stupendous fabric, whence we had a surprising view of the vast extent of the City, and an agreeable prospect of the neighbouring towns: it is 534 steps from the bottom to the top: we observed the whispering place round the dome within the church, and had a slight view of the library. Afterwards, being disappointed by the printer, I walked to the West-end of the City, and through the Park, to Chelsea: observed some inscriptions in the new burying-place, appropriated to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea; Mr. Simon Box, who served King Charles the First and Second, King James the Second, and King William and Queen Mary, was the first who (Anno 1692) was interred therein. Having more particularly observed the statue of King Charles the Second in one of the courts, and the spacious and stately apartments for the poor lame soldiers, in the several courts, I went to dine with the Bishop of Gloucester, as his lordship had most importunely requested; after dinner I repeated to his lordship, from the original papers, what I had in general told of before, which were so agreeable that his lordship earnestly desired me to publish them in the Appendix, and gave it me under his hand, that he thought it might be of

good use to convince the sceptical in an infidel age: his lordship also presented me with Mr. Beaumont's History of Spirits, which his lordship told me had done much good, and particularly had set to rights a friend of his, (Mr. or Dr. Burnet, of the Charter-house) who had formerly been an unbeliever in that case. His lordship's extraordinary kindness, (which was surprising, and exceeded even expectations) detained me too long, not only with some remarkable narratives of spirits, (of which one is inserted at the end of Mr. Beaumont's said Treatise) but with satisfactory discourses of moderation and piety, his lordship glorying in the character of a low church bishop: in my return, I found cousin White, from Ireland, who courteously received me.

27. Morning, was at Paul's; wrote in Diary; was with cousin Cookson about business; can give no satisfactory account of this day, being too much spent in fruitless inquiries after persons (Mr. Strype, &c.) and things; only in the afternoon I was happy in the enjoyment of the pious Mr. Mat. Henry, with whom I have had many years' correspondence, but never saw each other till now; he has published many tracts in practical divinity, but his Paraphrase upon the Bible is, I think, the best family book that ever I read, all things considered.

28. Morning, at St. Paul's, then walked to Bloomsbury-square to meet Dr. Richardson, according to appointment, at Dr. Sloane's, who entertained us most agreeably in his incomparable museum, any

one branch whereof, whether relating to manuscripts or printed authors, antiquities or natural curiosities, was sufficient to entertain the most curious person for a long time. My Lord Bishop of Carlisle, who is a most competent judge, (having seen many foreign repositories) writ me that those of the great princes beyond sea, are but as rivulets to this ocean. In our return, we waited of my Lord Archbishop of York, and thence took coach with Dr. Richardson and Mr. Pettiver to Mr. London's, to see her Majesty's royal garden, and his collections of plants, and drawings of the exotic plants and flowers in colours, admirably performed. Thence we walked over the Park, to Mr. . . . . to see his collection of rare birds; but part of them being removed thence to his other house, we were in a great measure disappointed. Thence they drilled me on to the Physic-garden, at Chelsea, where their lectures on the exotic plants were amusing; but detained us too long, that though we returned by water, had not time to wash, that I appeared shamefully like a sloven at dinner, at Sir Arthur Kaye's, which I was the more ashamed of, because entertained by the lady in Sir Arthur's absence, who was detained in the House by a strong debate in Parliament, that he could not return till afternoon. After we parted, I went to Mr. Auditor Harley's chambers, at Lincoln's Inn, and thence to Mr. Gowland's, at Clement's Inn, but missed of my friend. In the evening, was sent for by Mr. Le Neve and Dr. Johnston.

29. At St. Paul's. After with Mr. Gale at his chambers; then went with Mr. Dale to St. James's, to have attended her Majesty, but was too late. In return, saw a good collection of pictures and manuscripts at Mr. . . . . ; then returned by water, and after attended the Royal Society at their new apartments near Temple-bar. Was surprised at so great an appearance of foreigners, till I understood the occasion. The Venetian ambassador, and a Professor in the university of Padua and Bononia, (where also Dr. Richardson was) desiring to be admitted; upon which occasion, besides themselves, (who were now proposed) the Envoy, or Resident, from the great Duke of Florence, and many gentlement of both their retinues were present, and had several experiments showed them in Mr. Boyle's, or the Torricellian Engine. Was after with the Secretaries, Dr. Sloane and Mr. Waller, at the Grecian Coffee-house. Evening, to take leave of cousin Cookson.

30. At St. Paul's, then sent for to cousin Rayner of Great Houghton, to consult about a matter of moment relating to her daughter: the Lord direct! Was after to visit Mr. Stretton, very weak: after, walked with Mr. Richardson to several goldsmiths, in pursuit of Roman coins, and visited Mr. Sharp, my Lord Archbishop's brother; were kindly received. After, walked to Mr. Fairfax's, at Westminster, but missing of him, viewed some new tombs in the Abbey. In return, called at Monsieur Faber's, the

famous artist, and though had them much cheaper than I expected, yet disposed of more money in mezzotinto prints than I designed. Was severely wet in my return by Clements Inn; but, blessed be God! received no further damage than the disappointment of missing my friend. After, visited by Mr. Mickleton. Evening, with Mr. Dale, and another of the College of Arms.

31. Morning, at St. Paul's; then visited by Mr. Gale. Afterwards, walked to Westminster, to visit Mr. Bryan Fairfax, to inquire of his mother's family, who was descended from Thomas Bullen, Earl of Wiltshire, by Mary his daughter, whose sister, Anne of Bullen, was King Henry VIII.'s second wife, and mother of the renowned Queen Elizabeth. I afterwards visited Mr. Bosville, an ingenious gentleman, and saw a map of his own drawing; and in my return by Mr. Newman's at Whitehall, found the Rev. Dr. Bray, who is so eminently concerned in propagating the Gospel among the Heathen and other pious designs for reformation of manners. In my return by Clements Inn, I visited Mr. Gowland, about my Lord Wharton's Bibles, charity, and pedigree. In reference to the last, I called to see Mr. George Ridpath, and though I received no additions to that, yet was pleased with his ingenious invention of an instrument that, by guiding of one pen, makes four copies of the same sheet. After my return to my lodgings, had the company of the celebrated Mr. Jer. Collier, the noted author of many tracts. Was

visited by my niece, Mary Thoresby; was glad to see her safe arrived, and hear of the welfare of my poor family: blessed be God!

June 1. Die Dom. Morning, read four or five Psalms; then walked to Wesminster, and ferried over to Lambeth church. Observed Mr. Ashmole's, the celebrated author, and other inscriptions, in the parish church there, before the prayers begun. Dr. Gibson preached excellently from that of Solomon (Eccles. xi. 9.) "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth." A seeming concession the more effectually to introduce the conclusion; "but yet know that for all these things, God will bring thee into judgment," which he pressed most affectingly; and so likewise did Mr. Jeffery, one of his lecturers, in the afternoon, who preached also very well and practically, without the too fashionable crime of introducing the present debates, (of either high or low) into the pulpit; but not having the opportunity of noting the heads, or writing the Diary, of some days, too much was forgot. The Lord pity! though I heartily blessed God for so comfortable a Lord's-day. The Doctor spied me presently, and sent to desire my company to dinner; and in the evening, after we had viewed the church and monuments, of which the noted Tradescant's is in the church-yard, he went with me to the Archbishop's palace, and showed me the library, which is very noble, and particularly that which the present Archbishop has placed there, and given to the see. I took a transient view

of the registers, deeds, &c. There is a noble collection of valuable authors. I was best pleased with the Exemplar of the Common Prayer Book, strictly collated according to the Act by the Bishops immediately appointed, though I could not but observe that some parts constantly used in the country (but not here) are expunged, particularly the prayer ("God, whose nature and property," &c.) which follows the collect or prayer for all conditions of men. He afterwards took me in his chariot to Clapham Common to breathe the fresh air, which was very agreeable, as was the converse (which was by this means uninterrupted) with that excellent Archdeacon. Oh, that we had more of his Christian temper! In our return, passing by the house where Mr. Ashmole once lived, we visited the widow, who showed us the remains of Mr. Tradescant's rarities, amongst which some valuable shells and Indian curiosities.

2. Morning, was at St. Paul's; wrote; then, according to appointment, walked to Westminster-hall to meet our Recorder, cousin Walker, who kindly accompanied me to his Grace the Duke of Leeds, who (though some persons of quality returned under the notion that the Duke was at his country-seat, at Wimbledon,) admitted of us, and entertained us most agreeably, with the relation of many remarkable passages relating to the present state of affairs, as well as what passed some years ago, and particularly, at my request, with that of his wonderful de-

liverence, when a child, in the Presence Chamber, at the Manor of York, when his elder brother and . . . were buried in the ruins of the very next apartment, which was demolished by the sudden fall of a stack of twelve chimneys, blown down at that moment by a storm. After a promise of sending me his pedigree the next week, when this busy one is over, (wherein the Queen is to lay before the Parliament the matters relating to the Peace,) he dismissed us friendly, with a compliment that it was an honour to himself, not the town of Leeds, that he was dignified with that title, it being the most considerable place (York being appropriated to the Royal Family) for trade, &c., which determined his choice of it: in return, delivered sister W.'s letter to cousin White, of Dublin; after, 'Change, where I still missed of Mr. Hochstetter, I visited Mrs. Mayoress, of Leeds, and other relations lately come to town, and afterwards received a kind visit from the pious Mr. Henry; after, walked to the Grecian Coffee-house, at the Temple, to meet with Dr. Sloane and Mr. Walker, and thence to Moorfields, to visit Mrs. Jackson (formerly of Leeds,) and her posterity; read, &c.

3. Morning, at St. Paul's; then heard Dr. Calamy, from that of the Prophet, "who tremble at my word," which he applied to, and made the character of the conscientious Protestant Dissenter, to whom he gave good advice, in many particulars, needless to be inserted, because it is said the sermon will be pub-

lished, and also to those of the public establishment, to many of which, he gave a deserving character, as truly pious; but seemed, in my poor sentiments, to bear too hard upon such of them as have deserted the Nonconformists, as thinking they cannot sufficiently show their sincerity, without reflections upon their former ways, which I believe is not the temper of many conscientious persons, that I thought deserved more favourably than to be ranged with such; but may perhaps see my error, and that a more candid construction may be put upon it, which I shall rejoice to find in the printed sermon. Afternoon, visited Mr. Tong, but straitened in time; then at the printer's, Mr. George James, to correct a sheet; after walked to London-wall about Widow Gates' son, and in return joined in the prayers at St. Lawrence's church (where I had many a comfortable opportunity of that nature when last in town.)

4. Morning, at St. Paul's; then walked to St. John's, beyond Smithfield, (where the martyrs were burnt in Queen Mary's reign,) to visit the learned and pious Bishop of Sarum, (Dr. Burnet) who entertained me affectionately and agreeably, but had a melancholy prospect of public affairs: the Lord direct therein! Walked thence to Dr. Newton's, at Clerkenwell, to whose Herbal I subscribed so many years ago, that his treacherous memory has forgot the receipt of the money I paid him at Leeds, and have his own receipt for, which makes me now more

apt to credit some knavish stories I was loath to believe; spent, in return, too much time and money amongst pamphlets, in Little Britain: can give no satisfactory account of the latter part of the day. Evening, to visit cousin Rhodes, &c.

5. Morning, was at the public prayers as usual, at St. Paul's, then walked with Mr. Gale to the Tower, to show him the Records, which Mr. George Holmes courteously did, at my request. I particularly took notice of the original letters of many foreign kings, upon parchment, and some of later date, as one from King Henry, (Darnley,) and Mary Queen of Scots, to their father. We then went to the Custom-house, a place of vast business, (wherein he is concerned,) and after returned to the Tower, to see the Records in the White Tower, under Mr. Dale's custody, whom we treated at the tavern. I after walked to the Royal Society, where I met with some very agreeable company, besides the President (Sir Isaac Newton) and both the Secretaries, viz., the noted Dr. Edmund Halley and Mr. Keil, both Professors at Oxford, Mr. Derham, &c., with whom afterward, at the Grecian Coffee-house: after my return, took a walk into the fields, with Mr. Gale and Lawyer West; and in our way home called at Mr. Britton's, the noted small-coalman, where we heard a noble concert of music, vocal and instrumental, the best in town, which for many years past he has had weekly for his own entertainment, and of the gentry, &c.,

gratis, to which most foreigners and many persons of distinction, for the fancy of it, occasionally resort. Read a little, &c.

6. Morning, at Paul's; then walked with Mr. Gale and Mr. Dale to the Earl of Oxford's most noble library; saw some very ancient charters, seals, manuscripts, (particularly a most noble one of the grants of the Kings of England, to whom it has formerly belonged, to Westminster Abbey, the originals with seals, adorned with jewels, bound in velvet.) We afterwards walked to Westminster; and by my Lord Archbishop of York's means, got placed so conveniently, that we saw the Queen upon the throne, and many of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in their Parliamentary robes, and came very early to the notice of her Majesty's speech concerning the Peace, which occasioned fires, illuminations, &c. in the City, as we found in our return from Mr. Wanley's, where we also met with the noted Dr. Stubbs and Mr. Kempe; but Mr. Wanley's kindness detained us too late, that read little, &c.

7. Morning at church, as usual; then writing in Diary, and visited by Mr. Collins, till near noon; then, twice or thrice at the printer's, (whose neglect is intolerable) yet all in vain; at the Exchange; then wrote letters, per post, till three, when walked to Mr. Kempe's, to see his invaluable collections: upon two entire mummies he has placed as many sphinxes, (lately procured,) of copper, large, antique, and curious. He has also added a considerable num-

ber of the busts of famous heroes, and statues of the Deities, in stone, marble, or metal to his former stock, and some inscriptions, Greek and Roman. I took particular notice of some of the Roman funeral monuments, wrought hollow, to receive the bones, with covers, curiously wrought as the monuments themselves. I could not but wonder at the immodest statue of Baal-Peor, and that any of the Jews should so far degenerate as to adore it. Upon some Roman lamps, found when the foundations of the present fabric of St. Paul's were laid, I observed the stag: he had also glass lachrymatories, the very bones and tusks of sacrificed beasts, found there. We looked over an immense treasure of coins, as a set of their Deities, heads of famous men, Consular and Imperial, with the Empress, an historical series of reverses, &c.; and these in silver, in the small middle and large brass and copper. He showed us also some of silver medallions, and a collection of Punick, Jewish, and Mahometan coins; and concluded with the statues, &c. busts of the Egyptian and Roman Deities, lamps, sacrificing vessels, in copper, and Antinous, the Emperor's minion. Returned by water with Mr. Gale; read, &c.

8. Die Dom. Morning, read, &c.; then, walked to Hackney, where heard two excellent sermons; forenoon, Mr. M. Henry read and explained Genesis iii. whence he showed the many evils, corporal and spiritual, relating to this world, and that to come, which came in by the fall, and raised many useful

and practical observations, and recited some of the Jewish notions; as, that Adam's head ached as soon as ever he had eaten the forbidden fruit, whereas he had neither that nor any other distemper before he sinned. After an excellent prayer, (and therein for all sincere Christians, of what denomination soever,) he preached very well from Isaiah i. 18, "Come, let us reason together, saith the Lord," justly admiring the condescending goodness of God to lapsed man, in being willing to argue the case with him, in order to his recovery; whereas he might [have] spoke in fury, and spurned him into everlasting burnings. I afterwards dined with him, at his friend's house, (Mr. Hammond, the minister's son,) where very courteously received. Afternoon, Mr. Strype preached very well concerning the descent of the Holy Spirit; but not having opportunity of noting the heads either of this or forenoon sermon, received not that advantage in the Review that I might have done, though not unaffected in hearing, blessed be God. Mr. Newcome, the worthy Vicar, invited me to his house, and showed me a register of the parish, that he lately recovered, wherein are very many observables; as, their having a select vestry about 100 years ago, by authority from the Bishop, of which Henry Thoresby, Esq. always subscribes first. I was pleased to see his autograph, and spelling his name as we do now, though the clerks who wrote the instruments frequently write it Thursby; he showed me also a letter of Bishop David Dalbin,

a benefactor, who lieth buried next my said kinsman, that the Earl of Oxford, who died 1604, was buried there. Having taken leave of him and Mr. Strype, I returned by Shoreditch, visited Mr. Bird and wife, (Deborah Newsome's daughter,) as I had promised her mother, at Leeds; read Sir Richard Cox, of Religion, &c.

9. Morning, at church, &c.; then walked to the Temple; was till three assisting Mr. Collins in his History of the Baronets, from my manuscripts: then walked to Westminster, to visit Dr. Calamy, who was very respectful, notwithstanding former silence, which I was ready to impute to disrespect. After return, I walked to Fenchurch-street, to visit Mr. Preston, and his father-in-law, Sir Benjamin Ailoffe. Evening, read, &c.

10. Morning, was at church . . . went to take leave of cousin Rayner, and her son Rhodes: then walked to Westminster, to both Houses of Parliament, but in a great measure disappointed by the ferment the lower House was in, upon account of a passage in the preface to the second edition of the Bishop of St. Asaph's* Four Sermons, which they ordered to be burnt.

11. Morning, rose before five; was at church; then collating pedigree of Thoresby, with what I transcribed from a manuscript visitation in the Earl of Oxford's noble library: then walked to Temple-bar, received a curious manuscript, Baronagium Ge-

* Dr. Fleetwood.

nealogicum, from the author, Mr. Segar, (great-grandson to Sir William Segar, Garter King-at-Arms,) to collate the Earl of Cardigan's, &c. till noon; when walked again to the Parliament House, but yet missed of Sir William Hardress, but at the House of Lords met with the Bishop of Ely, who would have me in the coach with him to dine at Ely House; was comforted with the truly Christian spirit his Lordship expressed himself to be of: met there with worthy Mr. Stonestreet, and other learned company, particularly Dr. Keuster, who published at Cambridge, (though himself a German) Suidas, in three volumes folio; he has also given an accurate edition of Aristophanes: we were both surprised with the Bishop's yet growing library, eight chambers (as I remember,) that almost surround the quadrangle, and which is most valuable, many of them most noble manuscripts, and the rarest editions of printed authors, with emendations and additions under the authors' own hands, &c. . . . could not get away without promise of frequent visits. Evening, with Mr. Tomlinson, (the Doctor's brother) so like his brother of York, in person, speech, mien, as scarce to be distinguished by the nearest relations. Read, &c.

12. Morning, at church . . then finishing the pedigree of the Earl of Cardigan, and went with Mr. M. Atkins to Mr. Boyer,* the printer's; and thence, to a Master in Chancery, to depose what came to my know-

* William Bowyer, the learned printer.

ledge relating to the designed benefactions and other concerns of Widow Bland and daughter, in an unworthy suit commenced by L. H. against cousin Simpson (which cost me also too much time yesterday); in return visited my good old friend Mr. Stretton, now very weak: the Lord prepare him for that great change, which seemeth to be at hand! After a little rest walked again to Westminster to the Court of Requests and both Houses of Parliament; afterwards dined (by special invitation) with the noble Earl of Pembroke, who also showed me some of the valuable Greek medals in silver, and a most curious collection of very rare gold medals, some unics [uniques] of the Black Prince. In return visited cousin White, and attended the Royal Society, where I found Dr. Douglas dissecting a dolphin, lately caught in the Thames, where were present the President, Sir Isaac Newton, both the Secretaries, the two Professors from Oxford, Dr. Halley and Keil, with others whose company we after enjoyed at the Grecian Coffee-house; was afterwards with Mr. Gale observing some basso-relievos at St. Paul's Church, particularly the six relating to the history of that Apostle, and afterwards walked to the Charter-house, the noble benefaction of Mr. Sutton; was sorry to hear something less agreeable as to the management of the revenues; diverted ourselves in the shady walks in the wilderness there; remembered with satisfaction one of our family, (Henry Thoresby, Esq. father to the Lady Hardress) who

was so intimate with the founder that he appointed him one of the first trustees; but it is now got wholly into the hands of the nobility, some of whom, it is said, instead of decayed gentlemen, put in their superannuated coachmen. Was after with Mr. Gale and Mr. Oddy, a learned gentleman at the Coffee-house.

13. Morning, at church; writ in Diary and letter to Sir William Hardress, &c. Went to take a view of Dr. Johnston's curiosities for Dr. Sloane, but found few that are not before in that treasury. In return visited good Mr. Long, and after much time lost upon the Exchange, visited Mr. Pease and family, and then Mrs. Watkinson, also late of Leeds, and Mrs. Whelpdale; then again fretting at the printer's slowness. Afterwards visited Mr. Le Neve, Norroy, who showed me a noble collection of manuscripts, lately purchased at 75*l.* besides what he gave for a cabinet of ancient deeds with curious seals of princes and private persons, the originals of those printed by Sir Edward Byshe in his notes upon Upton; one of them had capital letters woven in the ribbon that passed through the seal. I perused with great satisfaction some of the manuscripts, and borrowed two; was afterwards with Mr. Segar, and bought his Honores Anglicani. Evening, sent for by Dr. Halley, Savilian Professor, but was after troubled at an ingenious and learned gentleman, Mr. Ob. Od. whom I had formerly observed very zealous in opposing even the best attested narratives of apparitions, witch-

aft, &c. who now confessed he believed there was no Devil: the Lord enlighten him!

14. Morning at church; then collating pedigree of Boyle with the manuscript *Baronagium Genealogicum.* After at the printer's in vain; all day within perusing another manuscript of pedigrees kindly lent me by the King-at-Arms, Mr. Le Neve, save that I went again to the printer's with better success, that I had a sheet most correctly printed (save one Saxon word); received a visit from the Honourable Archibald Campbell, about the Scotch coins to peruse the catalogue of them. Evening walked to inquire after good old Mr. Stretton, who continues weak. Read Mr. Beaumont of Genii.

15. Die Dom. Morning, read pretty much in Sir Richard Cox's Inquiry into Religion; then walked about four miles, to Kensington, but most pleasant way, and at that time pretty solitary, that I had opportunity of contemplation, and was not altogether unaffected in singing part of the 139th Psalm. Dr. Inet of Lincoln preached excellently; so like him, that I took [him] for the Bishop of Waterford, of which before, that I was ready to think him the same. Afternoon cousin Hough preached excellently from that in Job, "What profit if we pray unto him," showing that it is our happiness and interest even in this world, and especially in reference to a future state, that God rules the world and that we have liberty to pray unto him; how miserable would it be if things came to pass by mere chance, by the

government of demons, or mere men (the three ways commonly alleged.) Both before and afternoon were several excellent practical inferences, but company, good in itself, proves ill at times. I dined with and was much concerned for dear cousin Hough, a learned, ingenious, and very pious man, but so overrun with the hyps, that he told me he thought he should not live till night, else he would go with me to my Lord Chief Justice's, who, with the Bishop of Ossory, were at church both ends of the day. The Lord speak the word and heal thy servant, that he may be farther useful in his generation! In my return I saw a number of the Palatines, the most poor ragged creatures that I ever saw, and great objects of charity if real exiles for religion; could not but observe that all the way, quite through Hyde Park to the Queen's palace at Kensington, has lanterns for illuminating the road in the dark nights, for the coaches. In my return I took more particular notice of a noble walk in St. James's Park, where in 880 paces are numbered and painted on each side, with seats at each end, filled with a numberless number of persons walking for diversion, but little like the Lord's-day observable.

16. Perusing Mr. Le Neve's manuscript, and afterwards collating some pedigrees with Mr. Collins for his History of Baronets, till past noon; after my milk diet, walked to Essex-street, to wait on my Lord Chief Justice Parker, who was extremely obliging; was after again at the printer's, in Paternoster-

row; and Whitefriars, and discoursing Mr. Atkins very earnestly about the unreasonableness of their slow procedure. Evening within, read.

17. Morning, at church; wrote till visited by good Mr. Strype; after, walked again in vain to the Parliament House, Sir William Hardress being, I fear, returned into the country; in return visited Dean Hicks, and Madam Ashton; was after with Mr. J. Conder, the minister, and some Nonconformists, who seemed I thought too severe in their censures of public affairs, and particularly the Lord Treasurer, whom I cannot but honour for his encouragement to learning, and invaluable collection of manuscripts. Evening, with Mr. Dale, and Mr. Gale.

18. Morning, retired at five; at church at six; at printer's at seven: so afterwards, and at the other printer's in Whitefriars; then wrote, but being heavy, spent most of the afternoon in Moorfields, walking, and picking up a few old books. Evening, with Mr. Anderson, an ingenious Scotch gentleman, who is upon a learned tract, and taking leave of Mr. Oliphant for Cambridge: read a little, &c.

19. Morning, at church; then correcting the revise sheets; then walked to Mr. Vertue's about picture, and in return, visited the excellent Mr. Nelson, who presented me with his Feasts and Fasts, translated into Welsh; was again at Boyer's, the printer. After dinner wrote a little, then at the meeting of the Royal Society, into which, my Lord Chief

Justice Parker, the Lord Treasurer's son, and son-in-law, (the Lords Harley and Viscount Duplin,) are lately admitted: a letter from Mr. Lewenhock was read, and Dr. Douglas's proposal for a more particular anatomy of the several animals; and he showed curious drafts of the dolphin and others he had been concerned in himself; and showed some vipers, snakes, &c. he had dissected, and some living ones very beautiful; and in the conclusion, a gentleman showed an improvement in music, making the harpsicals go with the foot, and opened the instrument to show the President, Sir Isaac Newton, the contrivance: in return, called at Mr. Collins's, and Mr. Boyer's the printer.

20. Morning, at church; wrote in Diary, corrected a revise sheet; wrote the Duke of Leeds' pedigree: walked (with it) to cousin Walker's, at Westminster Hall; stayed there much of the day, yet to little purpose, his Grace being gone to Wimbledon; was again at the printer's in Whitefriars, and at the engraver's, Mr. Sturt's, in Aldersgate-street, that was fatigued, yet nothing is done without: found disappointments in both places, for want of paper, orders, &c. Evening within, read Mr. Beaumont on Genii.

21. Morning, at church. Forenoon within, writing letters to two Bishops, as many Baronets, with others to Ireland; then walked to the Parliament House, and afterwards to Chelsea, to Mr. Boulter's, who had been yesterday to inquire after me, but missed of him, yet had agreeable converse

with the good old lady: in return, called upon Mr. Collins, &c. Evening, read.

22. Die Dom. Morning, read Sir Richard Cox's Inquiry into Religion, and the use of reason in reference to it, evidently designed against Transubstantiation, &c.; then walked to Westminster: Dr. Calamy, after he had read two chapters, prayed very well, and concluded with the Lord's prayer. He preached very well concerning the pillar of fire and cloud that directed the Israelites through the Wilderness to the Land of Promise, and what use we ought to make thereof; though they had this ocular demonstration of the Divine favour, yet he punished them severely for their sins; and so must we expect, notwithstanding the purity of our religion, if we continue to provoke him by our many and great sins, but yet there is hope in the blessed Jesus. Afterwards went with Madam Boulter, in her coach . . . and at Chelsea met with my old friend Mr. Boulter, but was deluded unexpectedly, and so missed church in the afternoon, that I enjoyed not myself, though otherwise in very agreeable company; but I had denied to dine at the College of Arms, because I foresaw that they would urge me to it, but I expected other matters here; it afterwards proved rainy, but Mr. Boulter ordered his coach to bring us to London. I visited in my return, cousin Fenton's daughter, married to Mr. Brown, a sensible man, whom I was glad to meet with. Evening, read Sir Richard Cox, &c.

23. Morning, at church, &c.; then drawing the

pedigree of the Careys, Lords of Hunslet, from Sir William Segar's manuscript, and writing till afternoon, when walked to the British Coffee-house at Charing-cross, but missed of my friend, that lost too much time.

24. Finished the perusal of Mr. Beaumont's Treatise of Genii, or spirits, presented to me, and recommended by the pious Bishop of Gloucester, from whom I had also an account of that very remarkable apparition mentioned in the postscript. His Lordship says this curious treatise has done much good in this sceptical age. Was both at the printer's and at the engraver's; found renewed disappointments. Read and writ, evening.

25. So this morning was at church; writ; was encouraged at Mr. Boyer's press, which kept me employed the former part of the day. After, at Mr. James's in vain, and at Mr. Sturt's. Evening, writ and read.

26. Morning, at church; then at both the printers', and placing the Greek coins till afternoon. At the meeting of the Royal Society, where was the Lord Foley; but was concerned at a rumour of the death of the Lord Somers, another F.R.S. and subscriber to my book. I borrowed one out of the library. Dr. Hudson's proposal for his noble edition of Josephus, Greek and Latin, with his letter to the Society were read. Some bones, lately found thirty feet under ground, as digging a well by her Majesty's house at Greenwich, were showed, and concluded

neither human nor quadrupeds, but supposed of some vast fish. Some magnetic experiments were performed by Mr. Hawksbee. I was after with the Secretary at the Grecian Coffee-house. Evening, within, read.

27. Was at church; then correcting the press for both printers. Was much upon the hurry thereby, and being twice almost as far as Charing-cross, and as often at Gray's Inn about business; and at Ormond-street with Dean Hicks, and thence, with Mr. Vertue, an ingenious artist, viewing his workmanship. Then again at the printer's in Whitefriars; and lastly with some of our countrymen at tavern (upon their summons, yet cost money). After, read a little, &c.

28. Morning, was at church; then preparing for the press. Was at Mr. James's, the printer; then at the request of cousin Cookson, (the Alderman) went with the Recorder and Mr. John Cookson to Barnet, to meet the Mayor of Leeds (cousin Atkinson); see the copy of the address to her Majesty, which we subscribed, being handsomely drawn up and all party matters avoided, so that high and low subscribed it at Leeds, as well as here: but this occasioned the expense of too much time and money, my share of coach-hire and expenses amounting to above 14*s*. Evening, read a little, &c.

29. Die Dom. Morning, read Sir Richard Cox's excellent Inquiry into Religion, and the use of Reason, &c. Dined at the Heralds' Office, at Mr.

Dale's, who, with his family, are all that were, or generally are at church of the whole college, who are generally too remiss in that necessary duty, being either in the country or bed—the Lord pity! The Lecturer preached well in the afternoon; but I was too heavy, though I was afraid of being so, that I could not so much as taste any liquor but the small beer. I afterwards walked to Gray's Inn, to know the result of the Duke of Leeds about the Leeds address, by the Recorder, who confessed they seem startled about Dunkirk's not being delivered: the Lord direct the public concerns of the nation! Stayed full long with the Mayor, Mr. Fawkes, and Recorder. After, read Cox, &c.

30. Morning, was at church; then correcting the press. Was at both the places, though considerably distant, and at the engraver's, Mr. Sturt's. Then to take leave of cousin Rodes: was intercepted by some old books in Moorfields. Was sent for by Mr. C—n to Aldgate, but stayed little. After return, drawing the pedigree of the several branches of the Careys, of which one was Lord of Hunslet. Evening, walked to Mr. Stretton's, who seems upon the borders of eternity. Lord, grant him an easy and comfortable passage in due time!

July 1. Was, afternoon, with Mr. Vertue, sitting for the picture to be engraven. Was to visit Mr. Mickleton, of Furnival's Inn, who showed me many volumes of valuable manuscripts, collected by his grandfather, relating to the bishopric of Durham.

In return, called to see parson Plaxton's mother, aged eighty-eight, yet *cant* to admiration. I saw her thread a very small needle, and read without spectacles. Evening, read, &c.

2. Morning, was at church; then, at both the printers', correcting the revise sheets till noon; after dinner, at Mr. Atkinson's; received a message from the Mayor, whom I attended to the Duke of Leeds, who introduced us into her Majesty's presence, at Kensington, where the Mayor delivered the Leeds address; after which, his Grace told the Queen he could assure her Majesty it came from a populous and loyal Corporation, that was both willing and able to assist her Majesty, if there was occasion, which he hoped there never would be. The Queen received it very kindly, looked very pleasantly, cast her eye (as was observed) upon every person, and curtsied. We left the Duke there, but returned in the High Sheriff's coach to Sir Arthur Kaye's, who, with Sir Bryan Stapleton, accompanied us; from Sir Arthur's we went to the tavern to drink her Majesty's health, and stayed full late, that read little.

3. Morning at church; corrected the press, wrote letters to Oxford and Berwick, and preparing list of Roman coins; till past three at the meeting of the Society, where Dr. Douglas showed a viper he had dissected, with young ones, distinctly to be seen in several apartments of the uterus; and a large one he had put in spirits of wine, the heart of which beat sensibly now, after twelve hours, when he took

it out. Mr. Hawksbee made some experiments. I was afterwards to wait of Judge Bury and Judge Dormer, who both received me most kindly; and then walked to Mr. Vertue's, with the picture, and in return, called at good old Mr. Stretton's, who died about four this morning, full of days and good works. Upon my return to my lodgings, I found a kinsman of Sir William Hardress, of Hardress Court, near Canterbury, with an invitation thither, where the Gates of Bullen (that a predecessor brought thence at the memorable siege in Henry the Eighth's time) now lead into the Court. He gave me an agreeable account of the family, from the Lady Hardress, who was Mr. Henry Thoresby's daughter; (this gentleman's grandmother by Sir Thomas, the youngest of her four sons;) he owns she was a 30,000*l.* fortune to their family, and lived to be eighty-eight or ninety years of age: the relict of Thoresby Hardress is yet living, and about the same age. I accompanied him part of the way to his lodging; read a little, &c.

4. Morning, at church; then at both the printers'; then sent for by the Mayor of Leeds and Mr. C. about printing the Address; and after, went with him to Westminster, to see the tombs of the kings, queens, and nobles; observed some new ones for the nobility, but none (so much as wax-work representations) for King William and Queen Mary; after, at both printers', &c.; evening, read, &c.

5. Morning, rose by five, that I might redeem some time, in order to preparation for the Sacra-

ment; was somewhat affected in prayer; at six, at church; then, at the printers'; after, walked with Mr. Atkins three miles, to another engraver, Mr. Edwards, of Marybone; in return, visited the excellent Mr. Nelson; rest of day writing letters to Sir P. S. to B. Fx. and T. S. Esquires, in answer to theirs, and preparing for the press; evening, to speak to the Bishop of Ely, about the Sacrament at his chapel, which he very courteously invited me to, which I rejoiced at, making a short visit for that very purpose.

6. I went to have heard Dr. Hoadly preach; but being prevented, I heard good Mr. Tong: I was much affected with his prayer; that part particularly, wherein he prayed that we might be enabled to perform the renewed vows and obligations we had laid ourselves under at his holy table this day: his subject also, that he preached upon, "Who gave himself for us," was very suitable, especially the conclusion, to consider who it was that thus gave himself, what he did therein, and for whom, such sinful wretches; that I thought it a happy opportunity, and was much moved; the Lord grant the impression may be durable! Evening, walked to Broad-street church, where Mr. Dunstan made an excellent Reformation sermon, very justly reproving such as cast a blemish upon the blessed religion by their wicked lives; it is not crying, "the Temple of the Lord," the Church of England, that will avail, without a pious conversation: of all creatures in the world, a

wicked man is the worst; of all wicked men, a profane Christian; and of those, a debauched Protestant; and of those, a lewd professor is the worst; lamenting that it is too justly objected against the Church, that their read prayers, dry devotions, occasion loose and scandalous lives: and it is no good way to recriminate; it must be owned, that the Dissenters are not often guilty of such gross immoralities as some amongst us: but that is not the fault of the Church, for such have really no religion, but strike in with what is uppermost, and Christians only because baptized and brought up in it at first: and it would be better, in some respects, if they would renounce the Christian religion they so much scandalize by their wickedness. But let such consider the dreadful aggravation of their sins: they cannot sin at so cheap a rate as Turks and heathens; it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah at the great judgment, than for such. I was refreshed to see so numerous and attentive an auditory; but again dejected to see so great numbers walking by the Exchange, and talking upon their secular affairs; the Lord reform this also in thy due time! Afterwards, reading again in the Paschal Lamb, &c.

7. Morning, was at church; was at all the three presses, correcting or hastening them, and directing the engravers, which took up the former part of the day; after, writing till three, designed to attend the corpse of my good old friend, Mr. Stretton, to his

grave in the burying-place, but was prevented. Evening, with Mr. Gale: read, &c.

8. Morning, was at church; then twice at the printer's, near the Temple; to visit Mrs. Thornton and family, and at Mr. David Exeter's; and in return, the Saxon nymph, at her brother's, Mr. Elstob's. She showed me a large volume of Saxon Homilies, borrowed from the public library at Cambridge, being an ancient and noble manuscript upon parchment, which she is now transcribing in a curious character for the press, with her translation from the Latin and Saxon. She showed me also a delicate copy of the Textus Roffensis, wrote by a poor boy she keeps, most of it before he was quite ten years of age; his name is —— Smith. I saw the boy, who has imitated the Saxon, and other antique hands, to a wonder; what Latin and Saxon he has was from her reading him the grammar.

9. Morning, rose by five; wrote in Diary; was at church, but afterwards writing for the press till almost blind; scarce moved from my seat till near three, then walked to both the printers'. Evening, with Mr. Dale; treated by Mr. Collins.

10. Morning, rose at half-past four; wrote till six; at church; then again writing till about three, when was at both the printers', and at the meeting of the Royal Society, where, besides the usual company, were present the Hon. Mr. Roberts and the Bishop of Clogher in Ireland, (Dr. St. George Ash, several

of whose curious letters are inserted in the Philosophical Transactions,) who readily gave me his motto in my travelling album, his Lordship having of many learned foreigners in his own. Dr. Douglas showed the gradual process in the formation of the tadpole, or bultread, to a frog; the placenta of a calf, the veins filled with red wax, and the arteries with green, delicately performed by . . . . ., looked very pleasantly; but I hasted to write news into the country, of Dunkirk's being actually delivered to the English, for which there were such illuminations in the evening as I had never seen before. I was with the Bishop of Worcester's chaplain, a curious author.

11. Morning, rose a little after four; then wrote till six; at prayers; then again preparing for the press, and correcting that at Mr. Boyer's till eleven, when my kind friend, Mr. Boulter, brought his chariot from Chelsea, purposely to carry me to see Hampton Court: having passed through the city, we passed the Gravel-pits, and had a clear air, (whither the consumptive are sent by the physicians,) and delicate pleasant country, to Acton and Brentford; the Duke of Somerset's seat at Sion House looked most charmingly, and was the first time I had observed the lime-trees in the avenues cut in a pyramidal form, even to a great distance from the palace, which looked very noble; thence through Thistleworth and Twitnam, a very pleasant road; by the highway side is a monument, erected for the memorable Mrs. Whitrow, who was

permitted to be there interred, *(vide* the inscription); thence through the park to Hampton Court, a noble palace indeed, fit for the reception of the greatest monarch, especially the new apartments, lately added by King William, who delighted much in the situation, being in a low champaign country, near the river, so that the gardens, &c. are most charming; nothing can be devised more agreeable; in some parts, that front the new palace, open and spacious, adorned with noble statues of brass (amongst which, the famous Gladiator from St. James's Park,) and marble, particularly two noble vessels; upon which, ancient histories in bas-relief, supported by satyrs, set opposite to each other, being the proofs of two great artists' emulation for glory. Other parts to the north, are full of trees, made into labyrinths, very pleasant and amazing, not easily to be extricated. The park adjoining (replenished with deer, as the river with swans,) is separated from the spacious gardens, by curious iron balustrades, painted and gilt, (in parts,) to a vast distance; the canals seemed to fall short at present of the grandeur of the rest, there not being due care taken to keep the waters from stagnating. Having satiated ourselves with the noble prospects without, we entered within the Royal palace; the staircase is admirably painted, and the several apartments answerably furnished with the noblest and richest hangings. I was the best pleased with those that were the needlework of the late most pious and exemplary Queen Mary and

her maids of honour; there were also pictures of monarchs and grandees, done by the greatest masters; but the celebrated cartoons, done by the famous Michael Angelo, [Raffaelle,] and Cæsar's Triumph, exceed the rest, though that of King William on horseback, by Sir Godfrey Kneller, is a master-piece. Amidst all these, I could not but remember the most noted Hampton Court Conference betwixt the Bishops and some of the most learned of the Nonconformists, before King James the First and his nobles, now all entered upon a boundless eternity, where many of the contending parties enjoy a perfect harmony in that blessed state, where fruitless contentions shall have no place, but universal charity shall ever flourish. After we had refreshed ourselves at the inn, we returned another road on the south side the river, through a very pleasant country, to Richmond, where we lodged. We left the coach at Ham, and walked to see the late Duke of Lauderdale's seat there, now the Earl of Dysart's, a very noble palace, though, to be free, the spacious court before the more ancient front of the hall pleased me best, having a vast number of the bustos and the Roman Emperors, &c. in marble, each in his distinct niche in the wall, which were so surrounded with philerays, that no part of the walls appeared, there being nothing but delicate green, with white niches for the heads of the monarchs; amongst which also, that of King Charles the First. We walked through delicate meadows near the river, and trees artfully

planted in the quincunx order, making agreeable views and walks different ways: we met the Duke of Argyle, with the Lady Dysart, and other nobles of both sexes, in the shady groves; we walked thence to Petersham, where the Queen's uncle, the late Earl of Rochester, had a noble seat, and would have been more so, if he could have continued the views and avenues of trees, &c. to the river Thames; he proffered the Earl of Dysart fifty years' purchase for some grounds, which would not be accepted, because of some unhappy animosities between the Countesses; thence we walked up the hill to Richmond, whence there is a most noble prospect of the noblemen's houses, gardens, meadows, woods, the river Thames, and a pleasant country, replenished with pretty villages. We viewed the Wells at Richmond, in pleasant gardens, with terrace walks, all that nature and art can afford.

12. I rose about five; then walked to take a more particular view of the place, and especially what I had not light for over night, to take the inscriptions upon Bishop Duppa's noble hospital, and Mr. Michel's Alms-houses, of which, see elsewhere, till Mr. Boulter got up; then we passed the river to take a distant prospect of his favourite place, Richmond, which does indeed look most charmingly; the rising ascent, being naturally formed into pleasing terrace walks, and a surprising and agreeable mixture of land and water, houses, meadows, woods, gardens, &c.; we went particularly to view the late

Earl of Cardigan's pleasant seat, which King William afterwards bought, and the Earl of Albemarle, to whom he bequeathed it, sold it to Mr. Vernon, a merchant, for 12,000*l.*; it is observable, that these pleasant seats often change their masters. We then crossed the Thames again, and went to see Mr. Hill's, the Envoy's seat, and curious gardens, and the town itself, particularly the remains of the Royal palace, built with battlements; the green, the largest I ever saw in the midst of a town, is now almost surrounded with pleasant seats and houses; all appears round the town with an universal air of grandeur. I could not but observe, upon a small sign at an out-house, at the entrance of the town, "The Royal Ass-house." After we had fully viewed the town and church-yard, where are several marble tombs, some very stately with statües; we took coach, and passed by Shene and Kew-green to Mortlake, a pleasant town, as is also Putney; but at Wandsworth I observed some ruinous houses, which seems to indicate its declining state; but upon the hill is a noble prospect of London and Thames, which we ferried over from Lambeth, where I took leave of my very kind friend, who generously treated me, and of his mere motion, tendered a map of Yorkshire, for twenty miles on each side of Leeds, like one he gave me of like dimensions round London, and subscribed also for a set of the books. Upon my return, I corrected three sheets and the revise of two; wrote by post to Justice Boynton;

was after sent for by Mr. Sleigh, lately come from Leeds, and was surprised to hear of the death of Mr. Thomas Dixon, the head-master of the Free School, dead in the prime of his days.

13. Die Dom. Morning, wrote in Diary; then inquired after Mr. Stretton's meeting-place, which I found hung round with black; Mr. Cotton preached very well from Prov. xiii. 31. Doc. that old age in the way and service of God is very honourable. Afternoon, Mr. Henry preached excellently upon the much-lamented death of good Mr. Stretton, from 2 Cor. viii. 16. Showing, that though when, 1st. we look down upon the pulpit bereaved of its glory, we have cause to lament, yet we have cause of praise when we look up, and see our dear friend exalted from the society of poor sinners to glorified saints, bless God that ever we had such friends; let us therefore, 2d. look back, and give thanks to God for so useful, charitable a person, so serviceable to many, in soul and body, so apt to promote works of charity; which being what Titus was commended for in the text, and what the deceased was so remarkable for, he insisted the more largely upon showing, 1st. that he had in his heart an earnest care for the churches; 2d. that this is to the praise of God, that he put into his heart this care, which he applied first to Titus in general, as a minister of the Gospel, or Evangelist, for he had no particular concern for the Corinthians, being no settled stated minister there, yet was he as a good Christian solicitous for the good of all; let us learn

hence to labour after an extensive goodness; second, though Titus had the care of a great many as an Evangelist, yet his care concerning them was an earnest care; he did good to many, for he loved much. Oh, what a deal of good may a good man do, if he be but careful to improve the thoughts of his heart and the moments of his time, justly applying the character to good Mr. Stretton, and his care not for his congregation alone, but for many others far distant, to provide ministers for the congregations, and maintenance for the ministers; and in this great city he was particularly serviceable in setting up and directing the places and persons for the Morning Lecture, for which many souls bless God: yet did his care begin at the right end, care of his own soul: the last words he was heard distinctly to repeat were, "I know the Lord is my rock and my God!" He applied the discourse and providence to the congregation and relations. 2d. He considered Titus as an active instrument in the work of charity then set about in the church, and justly applied this to our deceased friend, as thousands can attest, in promoting the fund when first set up by him as a special instrument. Many churches and ministers bless God for his active spirit of charity, which extended itself as far as the North of Scotland, for erecting libraries there. After he was silenced in these parts he removed into Yorkshire, where he stayed seventeen years, and was even to the last in useful charities to ministers and their widows, since

his remove hither, where useful to the last. There was an attentive and sorrowful auditory, and very numerous persons of rank standing in the court without the doors and windows. I afterwards wrote heads in Diary. Lord, help me to profit by thy word and by the rod! Sanctify public losses! read, &c.

14. Morning, rose before five; wrote; was at church; then walked as far as Petty France, yet in vain, as to Sir Br. St., Justice C. and Mr. F.; some gone abroad about business, others in bed; two hours after called to visit Dr. Calamy under his wound, by stroke of a horse, which confined him to his bed, where he was preparing for the press; which is engaged in second edition of Mr. Baxter's life in two volumes, with the continuation and addition of his Reformed Liturgy, and many memoirs of ministers; he gave me his late sermon, containing advice to Dissenters. Then correcting my printers. Afternoon met with Mr. Wanley and Mr. Kempe, who would have me with them to drink Spruce beer; then at the printer's in White-friars. After walked to Gray's-inn to Mr. Smith, who most courteously entertained me, and gave me some inscriptions he had taken for me in his travels, particularly that for the memorable Countess who had 365 children at a birth; he saw the two basins they were baptized in. Evening with Mr. Newman, Mr. Gale, and Mr. Dale; late enough that read little.

15. Morning was at church and printer's; then received a visit from Mr. Kempe to see my Greek

medals; the collection of the Syrian kings was more complete than I expected; he would have made an exchange, but I durst not adventure, he being an overmatch at them. I afterwards walked in vain to the Earl of Cardigan's, but was very kindly received by Judge Dormer (with whom I was invited to dine), who showed me some valuable family pictures, particularly an original of one who was judge, as I remember, anno 148. ., with some of his lady's. I was especially pleased with that of her incomparable sister and brother-in-law, Bishop Burnet and his lady's, though there were some very good ones both in oil and crayons of the judge's lady's own workmanship: we had the company of a colonel, but I was better pleased with the more agreeable converse of Sir James Montague, the Bishop of Carlisle's friend.

16. Morning, rose as usual before five; correcting the press till six; at church. After walked to Mr. Chamberlain's in Petty France, who received me most obligingly (after the dispatch of some business as Justice of the Peace) with his collection of Bibles, and the Lord's Prayer, which he hopes to publish in 200 languages. I also had there the company of two learned foreigners, Seignor M. Hegard, a Swede, professor of the Greek tongue at Loudon, in those parts, and Seignor Vander Eyken, converted from a monk by the cruelties he observed in their inquisitions. In my return visited Mr. Fairfax at Westminster, and Mr. Newman at Whitehall, and Sir Andrew Fountain at St. James's; was thence at the

printers' and the engravers', and evening in Little Britain amongst books; read, &c.

17. Morning was at the printers'; at church; then preparing again for the press, when called off to a Master in Chancery, about cousin Simpson's affairs. Afternoon to inquire of Lord Irwin's, and at Mr. Vertue's; then at the meeting of the Royal Society, but taken from agreeable converse to enter recognizance about cousin Simpson's suit before Master in Chancery. After with Mr. Rawlinson; read.

18. Morning, rose by five as usual, was at St. Paul's, then at the printer's, then at the Temple, &c. Visit Mr. Rawlinson (elder son of the late Lord Mayor, Sir Thomas Rawlinson) who has collected a vast number of very rare books, printed in the infancy of that art; he showed me also some valuable manuscripts, ancient and modern, in Dutch as well as Latin, well illuminated and gilt; but I was best pleased with the various editions of the Bible (amongst which I took particular notice of that most rare of Archbishop Parker's) and other rare books, not to be met with except in the Bishop of Ely's. I walked thence to Beaufort-buildings, to my Lord Irwin, who has promised to have a new prospect of Temple Newsome, engraved for my book, and was very respectful. I stayed the rest of the day at my lodgings, being pretty much out of order by overheating my body (as I apprehend) by walking: the Lord sanctify his hand and remove it in his due time! I was somewhat apprehensive of a fever, but

staying at home and obliging the printers to attend upon me; I was, blessed be God, somewhat better, that I met the King-at-Arms and three heralds according to appointment some days ago.

19. Morning, at church as usual; but all day within writing, but found the inconvenience I dreaded from the press, not having a line from one house, whence two sheets should have been sent me, and but one from the other. In the evening I walked to Goodman-fields, to Mr. Stretton's, to persuade the printing some memoirs of his late excellent father, and to add his picture from the original, which he seemed inclinable to, and I promised what poor assistance lay in my power.

20. Die Dom. Morning, finished the perusal of Sir Richard Cox's excellent treatise on religion, wherein that learned Lord Chief Justice argues incomparably, that the Scriptures alone are the rule of faith, and no pretended infallibility of the Pope. Afterwards, read an excellent sermon of Dr. Calamy's till near eleven, that I went to the Bishop of Ely's, where, before the chapel door was opened I met with a kind reprimand for not staying dinner on the 6th inst. his Lordship having sent a messenger after me. A stranger preached well.

21. Morning, was at church; then correcting for the press, and preparing for the rolling press; was at Mr. Sturt the engraver's, and Mr. James the printer's, which kept me at work till near three, then dined, when concluded the perusal (as eating my fa-

vourite milk and bread) a most curious and excellent tract on the Knowledge of Medals, translated out of the original French, by my honoured friend Roger Gale, Esq. though not knowing so much, never read it till now, though recommended to me some years ago by the Earl of Pembroke, but was out of my mind till now, that I heard of, and bought to direct me in the catalogue of my medals, before I p print it: was after at the College of Arms, reading last visitation; and after, Mr. Austin Oldisworth's collection of curiosities; he hath several animals, and some antiquities, but for variety of shells, is reputed the best in town, save Mr. Stonestreet's: was after with Mr. Gale and Mr. Dale, late enough, that read little before prayer.

22. Morning, correcting a proof sheet till six; at church; then at the printer's in Whitefriars . . and writing for the other press in Paternoster-row, and directing Mr. Edwards, the engraver; then with Mr. Atkins walked to Queen-street, Bloomsbury, to Mr. Vertue's; agreed fully upon the rate of the picture, which Mr. Atkins says is to be eight guineas. After dinner went to Mr. Blondel's, to inquire after the family of the Hardresses, he having married Mr. Thoresby Hardress's daughter, but received not the satisfaction I expected; then at the Exchange and Mr. Cookson's, both in vain: after visited Mr. R. Dixon, and Mr. Gale. Read.

23. Morning, was at church and printer's, and preparing more copy, till about ten; walked to West-

minster Hall, where in the Exchequer (Tally Office) I had the favour by my kind friend Mr. Le Neve, the King-at-Arms, to revise what I had transcribed from the index to the famous record, Domesday Book, whence I transcribed more, and prepared against the next view of the book itself, which I would not engage in now: in return met with Mr. Nelson and Dr. Bray at Mr. Newman's, and after, visited Mr. Anderson, and was mightily pleased with his noble work, which wants the Royal assistance to finish it, the Charters of the Kings of Scotland, from the originals at Durham all delicately engraved by Mr. Sturt and Mr. Lens, in large copper-plates, with the Great Seals, Privy Seals, and Signets, in the very same characters and size of the respective charters. He presented me with a specimen of Alexander the First. Besides those already printed, he has the rest curiously drawn even to her present Majesty; and also the gold and silver medals and coins in each age, a noble design, but above the expences of any private gentleman. After my return, at four collating two catalogues of the Yorkshire gentry, as I ate my dinner; then preparing for the press till evening: received a kind visit from the learned Mr. Anstis, (Member of Parliament for St. Germain's, in Cornwall) Norfolk Herald, and Mr. Dale. Spent evening agreeably till past nine.

24. Morning, was at church, and printers' in Whitefriars and Paternoster-row, and afterwards preparing other copy, and correcting the proof sheets

and revise sheets till, at the meeting of Royal Society where met Mr. Nelson, and a message by him from the Lady Elizabeth Hastings, as a subscriber; met also with Mr. Chamberlayn, and other good friends: was after with the secretaries a little at the Grecian Coffee House: for what was done at the meeting this day, see the minutes which I am promised the liberty to transcribe, and propose to do for all the time since I came to town. Afterwards, with Mr. Gale, who showed me a chapter of his learned and very curious manuscript relating to the Cathedral at York. Evening within, finished the collating of the two manuscript catalogues of the Yorkshire Gentry, 1582, lent me by the King-at-Arms, and Dean of Ripon: read.

25. Morning, at church; writ in Diary, and accurately corrected a proof sheet from one. Then walked to take leave of the worthy Bishop of Ely and the learned Dr. Hicks, (late Dean, now it is said a Bishop,) where I met with Mr. Bedford, who wrote the answer to Priestcraft in Perfection, to whom I promised to transmit dear Mr. Thornton's Answer, to insert in his second edition. I was also at Mr. Vertue's and Gray's Inn, but in vain at both places. Upon return, corrected for the other press, and finished the perusal of the pious Mr. Richardson's History of the attempts to convert the Popish natives of Ireland: the Lord bless such excellent endeavours! There are some curious historical notes relating to the Bible, and prayers printed in that

language and character, but the whole full of pious reflections and undeniable arguments. Evening, walked with Mr. Gale to Lincoln's Inn; read as usual, &c.

26. Morning, was at church, writing till nine, then in the library of the Heralds' Office, collating manuscripts relating to my own family till twelve. It is said there, the Duke of Leeds died at the Lord Lempster's on Thursday last. Afterwards, writing letters till four, when to wait of Admiral Fairfax, an ingenious and obliging gentleman, (who had been twice at my lodgings in my absence) to continue that branch of the family: he presented me with autographs of Prince George, Admiral Sir Cloudesly Shovel. I afterwards walked from Lincoln's-inn-fields quite through the City, to Mr. Stretton's, at Goodman-fields, to give him the memoirs I had drawn up of his late excellent father, to be inserted in his Life, shortly to be published, with the funeral sermon by Mr. Henry. Stayed till past nine, read, &c.

27. Die Dom. Morning, finished perusal of Dr. Calamy's Comfort and Counsel to Protestant Dissenters, which is very good and serious; but his friendly admonition to such as desert them, is by some thought not so candid, as supposing all to proceed from secular designs; whereas, I know to my sorrow, that in some it was not only never designed, but has been attended with considerable disadvantages and losses as to this world. Lord, grant it may be for my eternal welfare, and it shall suffice me!

I walked to Chelsea, but heard not Mr. Croft as I designed, he preaching to the Duchess of Beaufort; but the Lecturer made an honest sermon concerning justice, the natural justice that every man may reasonably expect to protect 1. his life; 2. his reputation, which is the next dear thing to a good man; and 3. his legal rights and possessions. I dined with Madam Boulter, but missed of my kind friend her eldest son. After dinner, walked from Chelsea to Kensington, where cousin Hough preached very well from John iv. showing that integrity and uprightness of heart and life, are the best testimonies of the truth of our religion; for though ours be the best reformed Church, and our faith be never so sound, yet if there want sincerity of heart, and a suitable conversation, all our profession is in vain. In my walk thither, I read the Life of the pious and exemplary Mrs. Burnet, (the Bishop of Sarum's wife) which, though it may appear very extraordinary to such as knew her not, yet I must confess falls short of her in my opinion, and particularly it mentions nothing of the respect she deservedly had from the late excellent Queen Mary. Read also most of Mr. Henry's Reformation sermon.

28. Morning, was at church, and after at both the printers' and engraver's. Corrected three sheets till noon. After, at the rolling press, and again at Whitefriars, and at the Temple; and after at Mr. Sturt's. Was to visit Mr. Pettiver; was surprized at his vast collections of animals, insects, and plants,

from most parts of the habitable world. He gave me some autographs of his noted correspondents from foreign parts. Evening, walked with Mr. Gale in the Charter-house garden; read, &c.

29. Morning, rose by four, then preparing for the press till six; at church; then walked to Petty France, and thence, (not meeting with my friend Mr. Chamberlayn) through St. James's Park, to Chelsea, to my very kind friend Mr. Boulter, where consulted about the map. He generously offered to take me along with him in his own coach into Yorkshire, which would both oblige me with good company, and save 40*s*. coach hire. I afterwards visited the ingenious Mr. Croft, our countryman and an author, and then took leave of the very aged and pious Bishop of Gloucester, who gave me his Memoirs of Queen Mary, of which he has printed this second edition purposely to bear his testimony to the truth, and against the present humour of the age, of which he spoke with the greatest freedom. But I was much concerned at his melancholy apprehension of affairs, his Lordship thinking that popery and slavery are coming in upon us, that we are undone, undone; the like dismal apprehensions two others of that Right Reverend order I visited since I came to town, seem to be of. The Lord avert deserved judgments upon an ungrateful nation for former deliverances! After my return, enquired for Mr. Strype of Low Leyton, and Mr. Henry of Hackney; but neither of them were in town. Was with both the printers, and at the rolling press, and lastly to con-

sult Mr. Lens, an ingenious artist, about drawing the monument at Hackney, and some medals. Saw some curious drawings of his with the pen, and others he has engraved also in mezzotinto; though more than half wearied, yet walked to Bishopsgate about business. Evening, within, read, &c.

30. Morning, from four to six, read, wrote; then at church; then at both the printers' and engraver's; rest of the day within, writing, preparing for the press, or correcting what came from thence, only in the evening with Mr. Sykes, a gentleman of considerable estate, whose father was of Leicestershire, as was Dr. Sykes, of Oxford, but all originally from Yorkshire; these bear the sedges.* We stayed late enough, having also my usual companions, Mr. Gale and Mr. Dale, that read little.

31. Morning, was at church and printers', but found the work go slow on, yet could not blame them, two of the compositors being in this new distemper, of which multitudes are sick, by the physicians called a Feveret: was at the meeting of the Royal Society, which was adjourned as usual, till the latter end of October; for what was done, see the Minutes, which I have leave to transcribe; only I shall hint that two letters were read relating to the death and dissection of the Duke of Leeds, one of the most eminent statesmen, who died on Saturday last: was after with both the Secretaries, Professor Halley, &c. at the Grecian Coffee-house; before which, I was at

* In their coat-armour.

Mr. Sturt's, the engraver's, and to see Mr. Bagford's collections, at the Charter-house, relating to his History of Printing, which I should be glad to see published, but suspect it will have the fate of Dr. James Newton's Herbal. Evening, within; read, &c.

August 1. Morning, rose by four; read and wrote till six; at Church, where, being rather too soon, finished the perusal of the pious Mr. Henry's excellent Reformation Sermon; the Lord strengthen their hands and prosper their designs! wrote and read till about eleven, when, at the request of Mr. Dale, took coach with him and Mr. Gale to Ham and Plaistow, to enquire farther about the family of the Blands; was courteously received by Sir Richard Sandys, Bart. (with whom we dined) great grandson of the Archbishop, but having a rainy day, it prevented part of our project, of taking Mr. Strype's at Low Leyton, in our walks home, and made it more chargeable. Evening, with them till about ten.

2. Morning, lay till five; corrected a sheet; was at church and printer's, then within writing till noon, when visited by Mr. Boulter, with whom about the Map, to procure the largest and best already published, thence to make a new one twenty miles on each side Leeds; was with the engraver, Mr. Sutton Nichols (formerly Mr. Boulter's servant,) afterwards at the printer's, &c.

3. Die Dom. Morning, read; then walked to Hackney; heard the excellent Mr. Henry expound a chapter in Genesis admirably, as his custom is; he

preached very well before and after noon, when (Mr. Strype being indisposed) I heard him twice, showing that it is our duty and interest, as creatures, to love and serve God; and secondly, that it is our folly and misery as sinners, that we are separated and estranged from God; but it being too late to note the heads that night, and being throng, and out of town next day, they are omitted to my loss. It was my fault, and I hope my grief, that being in a continued hurry the week past, I had not leisure, or improved it not to the best purposes, that though Mr. Newcome, I perceive, celebrated the blessed Sacrament at the parish church, and Mr. Henry at the chapel, I was not fit for either place; the Lord pity and pardon! I look not upon habitual preparation as sufficient without actual, so durst not adventure upon it. After dinner at a victualling-house, I walked to Mr. Dawson's, at Clapton, who being at Tunbridge, I was kindly received by Mr. Heathcote, his nephew. After the latter sermon, I had the agreeable converse of Mr. Henry, at his new house, concerning the Memoirs of good Mr. Stretton, he having received those I transmitted to his son; he gave me some autographs, and the famous pen (a sacred relic) wherewith he has writ the Bible over, from the beginning of Leviticus to St. Matthew, with all the volumes of his Annotations, besides three sermons weekly, and letters, Memoirs of Mr. Stretton, and other tracts he has printed, and are ready for the press; in my return I made Bethnal-green my way,

that I might take leave of Mr. Samuel Moreland, a pious and ingenious gentleman, who teaches young gentlemen; he gave me an autograph of his kinsman, the famous Sir Samuel Moreland; read Mr. Howe's sermon at Mr. Mead's funeral, in my walks, and took leave of Mr. Stretton, in Mansel-street, Goodman's-fields.

4. Morning, having set both the presses at work in Paternoster-row and the White Friars, I walked to Kensington; was in time for the prayers at the church there, as well as at St. Paul's, in the morning; but to my shame do I record it, that though twice now, yet took a sad leave of them, the printers (upon notice of my designed return,) pressing so hard upon me to keep the four compositors at work, that I have never since got to the morning prayers, though I seldom was in bed at five, (never, I think, of late,) and sometimes not at four, yet I was in a perpetual hurry preparing matter for the press, correcting the proofs and the revise sheets. I was to wait of my Lord Chief Justice, Sir Thomas Parker, and walked thence to Colonel Bladen's, (whose mother was of the Fairfaxes of Steeton,) but being at Tunbridge Wells, I missed the satisfaction of seeing the learned gentleman, who has published a curious version of Cæsar's Commentaries; took leave of cousin Hough, and after dinner and a better repast upon autographs, returned; in my walks, finished the perusal of the pleasing account of the success of the two Danish missionaries, lately sent to the East Indies;

was much affected with the conversion of the Malabar heathens. Lord grant thy blessing and desired success to such pious endeavours! I was afterwards, at my Lord Chief Justice's request, at his house in Serjeant's Inn; enjoyed his excellent company, after he had discharged his levee, which was great; he subscribed for the royal paper, and paid the guinea, and would have given me two, which I refused, but accepted his picture in paper, by Mr. Vertue. Evening, read.

5. Morning, . . .; then walked to Petty France, to take leave of my kind friend, Mr. Chamberlayn, and his neighbour, Sir Bryan Stapleton, who readily promised to frank the sheets as printed off, and send them to me in the country; in my return, took leave of good Mr. Newman at Whitehall, and Mr. Banks, but missed of Mr. Strype and Mr. Henry, who neither of them came to town; then correcting the press, and preparing more copy for them till evening, that I was pretty late at Mr. Ashley's directing the rolling-press.

7. Morning, walked to Bloomsbury, to inquire after the effigies engraving by Mr. Vertue; waited upon my honoured and kind friend, Dr. Sloane, who gave me some Indian plants and Philosophical Transactions; then to take leave of the pious and excellent, Mr. Nelson; upon my return, engaged at my usual employ for the press; had the opportunity of viewing the vaults under St. Paul's Church, which are surprising large, like so many streets; took no-

tice of some of the curious monuments erected there for Sir Christopher Wren's family, Dr. Holder, &c. Evening, at Mr. Bagnal's, who obliged me with the sight of some curious manuscripts relating to the Rawdens, his wife's family.

8. Morning, as usual; then walked to St. James's, to take leave of the Earl of Pembroke and Sir Andrew Fountaine, but found that part of the town much thinner, they being both in the country, and so Mr. Wren, in his attendance upon the Queen; so that (including that at Sir Christopher Wren's,) I made three visits in vain; upon my return, engaged with the presses as usual. Evening, a little at the Grecian coffee-house, with Dr. Sloane; was pleased in reading manuscript Memoirs of the ancient family of the Rawdens, of Rawden, in Yorkshire, of which Sir George, Sir Marmaduke, Colonel Rawden, and Mr. Marmaduke Rawden, the benefactor at York, were particularly memorable.

9. Morning, . . .; was all forenoon busily engaged in supplying the printing presses; then at Mr. Kempe's museum, comparing my Greek medals with some of his, for my further instruction; made some exchanges: afternoon, directing Mr. Nichols about engraving the twenty miles map; then at Dr. Sloane's and Mr. Collins's.

10. Die Dom. Read sermon; then heard Mr. Elstob preach at St. Swithin's; he expatiated upon the apostle's character of a bishop, &c. paraphrasing that part of the chapter relating to the office of a

minister. I dined with him, and was much pleased with his learned design of the Saxon laws, which he showed me the manuscript of, with some of Mr. Wheelock's Somner's, and the curious transcript of the Textus Roffensis, and gave me a specimen of it, wrote as the whole manuscript was from the original by a boy under ten years of age, who waited at the table. Afternoon I heard Mr. Tong, and evening Mr. Bradbury, at the same place; two excellent sermons, but not having time to note the heads, lost much advantage. Afterwards (expecting Mr. Boulter in the morning to begin our Yorkshire journey) I walked to Dr. Sloane's and to Crane-court, to return the manuscript minutes of the weekly proceedings of the Royal Society since I came to town; was severely wet, and had another misfortune which I interpreted a judgment upon my intrenching upon the Lord's-day. Pardon, O merciful Father, whatever thy pure eyes have seen amiss in me this day! In my return home I visited the celebrated Dr. Gibson, the author of the Anatomy, &c. Read, &c.

11. Morning . . . . . then putting up my apparel and books, expecting my friend Mr. Boulter. Afterwards had the compositors from both presses receiving directions, which took up much of the day, our journey being deferred. Evening . . . . .

12. Morning read, &c.; then directing the compositors who again attended me. Was after to take leave of the Lord Irwin and receive directions about

the prospect of Temple Newsome; after with Mr. Dale.

13. Morning was engaged in correcting the press till noon; after visited the learned Mr. Anstis, and in the same court our noted countryman Mr. Rymer, the Historiographer royal, who would needs engage me to visit him again to show me more curiosities.

15. Dispatching away my trunk and one parcel by the carrier to Leeds; then at both the printers' till noon. After, writing, and at Mr. Ashley's directing the rolling press; read as long as light, then walked to Goodman-fields, to Mr. Stretton, about his father's memoirs.

17. Die Dom. Morning, I read the Lord Willoughby of Brooke's excellent sermon, preached at the last anniversay meeting of the children educated in the charity schools in the City, June 12, when I saw many hundreds of them going to the church that the streets could scarcely be passed for the concourse; then called upon by Mr. Bland, to introduce him to his cousin Dale's at the College of Arms, with whom we were to dine. Dr. Wallis made an excellent and suitable sermon from that of the Evangelist,—"Lazarus, whom thou lovest, is sick." Showing for what ends God is pleased to visit a person or people with sickness, *viz.* to move them; 1 to self-examination; 2. humility, when they see how little strength, beauty, riches, or learning avail when sickness comes; 3. prayer; 4. to convince them they are mortals—our first parents had never seen any

die, but we do daily, yet live as if immortal; then what use we should make of sickness, *viz.* to go to Christ (as in the text he was sent for) by earnest prayer, fervent supplication; then to send for the minister of Jesus Christ, their prayers may serve the sick, to make use of a religious physician, which he said he had reason to recommend. An atheistical doctor in this city had told his patient he should not thank God, but him, for his recovery. He preached excellently, and I was much affected, it being so suitable to the providence of God, that these parts labour under at this time, a new distemper, which some call a feveret, others the Dunkirk distemper or fever, of which some compute an hundred thousand were sick at the same time; the like was never known before. A gentleman told me nine of his family were down of it at the same time. The Lord sanctify this providence! Afternoon, Mr. Middleton preached at the same church, from that, "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light," but had so much of his native Scotch tone and I so little memory to that which is good, that I profited little. We afterwards stayed so long at Mr. Dale's (when other books than were very proper for the Lord's-day were too much my diversion) that I was very late at the evening lecture, where I found my friend, the pious Mr. Henry, giving good directions against foolish thoughts, which was proper for me: Lord pity and pardon! I afterwards spoke to him and Mr. Tong, and then made a visit to parson

Elstob of St. Swithin's, who presented me with his essay on the great affinity and mutual agreement of the two professions of Divinity and Law, wherein he shows much ancient learning relating to the Saxon laws, which he is going to publish, with the addition of many more, unknown to Lambert, Wheelock, &c.; his learned sister also is almost ready to publish a volume of Saxon Homilies. Afterwards wrote heads of forenoon sermon in Diary, and read part of Mr. Henry's sermon at his mother's funeral.

18. Morning, lay till near five; then preparing manuscript for the press till six; at church; wrote till ten; with Mr. Gale at Dr. Woodward's, to see some of his collections; then again writing till three, when sent for by Mr. Dale, with whom rest of day; and evening, read.

19. Morning, writing, and preparing for the press (after secret prayer) till six; at church; then at the printer's till ten, when met with Mr. Whiston, a learned person, but wretchedly heterodox; but was revived and mightily pleased with two learned and pious gentlemen I met with at my Lord Chief Justice Parker's, Hugh Fortescue, Esq. and his brother Joseph, who were very conversant in the Holy Scriptures, and turned readily to the several Anti-Arian texts in the original, (which had marked in the Bible,) and argued both learnedly and piously against those heresies. After dinner, at Dr. Woodward's, at Gresham College; took a view of some of his valuable collection of antiquities, but lost too much time,

because of some young gentlemen (who had not a genius that way); invited also to dine there, that I grudged the misspense of the time, whereby also I missed of Mr. Boulter and Mr. Stretton, who had called to see me. After, walked to Mr. Vertue's. Evening, within, read, &c.

20. Morning, correcting a sheet till six; at church; then at both the presses, and perusing the manuscript to make it still more intelligible in my absence. After, received a kind visit from Mr. Boulter; then took leave of Mr. Rymer, the Historiographer Royal, who gave me some of his tracts.

21. Morning, very busy preparing manuscripts and writing, that only retired, but got not to church; making papers ready, in order to my journey. Was at the Exchange, and at both the printers' and at rolling-press, and other places about business till six. With Dr. Tanner (the Chancellor of Norwich), Mr. Le Neve, and other heralds; too late. Was troubled at some expressions in company, that dropped from some who would be thought the only wits, and glory in the style of Freethinkers, who deny the existence of spirits, downright affirming those expressions in Scripture, the works of the flesh, and the works of the Devil are synonymous, there being no such thing as a Devil in their opinion. The Lord enlighten their dark minds, and let not much learning make them mad! Stayed too late, being earnest in opposing them. Lord pity and pardon!

22. Morning, lay till five; then writing, and put-

ting up papers and books for Yorkshire, to send by the carrier, hoping to begin our journey (according to appointment) to-morrow, with my good friend Mr. Boulter; the Lord make it prosperous, and grant I may find all well at home! Sending away my books and papers, and correcting the press, took up the forenoon. Dined at Mr. Preston's (Sir B. Ailoffe's son-in-law) who kindly subscribed for two books. Afternoon, again correcting the press: was at both the printers' in Paternoster-row and White-friars, and at the rolling-press in Fetter-lane till evening, when I was surprised with the old gentlewoman's (Mr. Atkin's mother,) demand of 4*s.* per week for my lodgings, whereas by contract that was to be gratis, and but a slender compensation for the fatigue and expense of my journey. She pretended her son had nothing to do but in the shop; the disingenuity vexed me more than the gold I paid her, and took her discharge. But I was somewhat revived with a most kind letter sent me from Whitehall, wherein good Mr. Newman acquainted me that at the motion of the excellent Mr. Nelson, (the pious author of the Companion for the festivals and Fasts of the Church, and other devout tracts,) the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge had elected me a corresponding member of their society, with a pleasing account of their success in ten years, since their happy institution; the good Lord continue to bless their pious endeavours! to which I shall be glad if I can in the lowest degree be serviceable. Evening, at Mr. Dale's.

23. Morning, lay till past four, till I could see to read, then corrected the sheets sent last night from both presses, whither I carried them, and gave further directions. Afterwards, walked to take leave of cousin Whyte of Dublin; and in return, of Mr. Anderson, of Edinburgh, to whose learned labours I wish good success. Then went to Whitehall, where I enjoyed the pious Mr. Newman's agreeable converse; took leave of him and Mr. Banks. Then at the printers' till noon. After, putting up linen and papers till two; walked to Mr. Boulter's at Chelsea, who was come in the mean time to visit me; but met opportunely with the obliging Mr. Croft, the minister, who introduced me to the celebrated Mrs. Astell, who has printed many pious and curious tracts, and is the same lady who corresponded with Mr. Norris about Divine love. In my return, read, till I got to town, where I happily met with Mr. Boulter, and concerted measures about our return into the North.

24. Die Dom. Morning . . . then walked to Hackney; in my way read the Devout Psalmodist, by Mr. John Burroughs, a corresponding member of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge; Mr. Newcome and Mr. Strype were both absent, the latter (my good old friend) under great weakness, I fear: the Lord recover him in mercy, if it be his good pleasure! But I spent the Sabbath comfortably with my pious friend Mr. M. Henry, who after the Exposition of the Scripture, wherein he has a

happy talent and peculiar felicity, preached excellently from Matt. xvi. 26, showing that the whole world cannot compensate the loss of the soul; he preached both ends of the day at Hackney; prayed in his family, and sung a psalm after dinner, and in the evening went to preach a lecture in the city; so unwearied is the good man in his Master's service. I was too late for any lecture, making a visit in my return, but went to the prayers at Ludgate church; was after with Mr. Gale.

25. Morning . . . correcting for the presses, was at both of them, and after with Mr. Boulter, about our journey, and with Mr. Watkinson, and to visit Sir Richard Blackmore, the learned author of several pious and ingenious poems; then with Mr. Watkinson about his intended benefactions to the charity school and library at Leeds; was after to see Mr. Oldisworth's curiosities, but was troubled to miss of the excellent Mr. Nelson, and a clergyman (whether Dean Hicks, or Dr. Bray, I know not,) who came to visit me. Evening, with Mr. Gale and Mr. Dale.

26. Morning . . . at both the printers' giving them the rest of the copy: breakfasted at Mr. Gale's, took leave of that good friend, and Mr. Dale; then at Mr. Oldisworth's museum, bought some Indian curiosities . . . then hasted to meet Mr. Boulter, of Bloomsbury, according to appointment; took leave of Mr. Collins, (who has printed the Peerage of England, in three volumes, and is about the History of Baronets.) I walked with Mr.

Boulter to Mr. Vertue's, to see the imperfect effigies; and thence to his new lodgings.

My kind friend and I began our journey about twelve from the famous metropolis; we travelled to Hampstead, noted for its mineral waters and confluence of gentry; thence to Highgate; of some benefactions there see former collections of inscriptions: in the way had a delightful view of London and the adjacent country, particularly Harrow on the Hill; noted for its church upon the highest ground in these parts (whence its very name, *a voce*, heapz:) hence we might see to Gravesend, and the mouth of the Thames at the Hope, for we had a most delicate clear day and most pleasant travelling; thence by several towns on the side of Enfield Chase, which yet abounds with deer and wood, though but seven miles from London; from Barnet, a market-town and great thoroughfare to Hatfield, noted by travellers for a noble palace belonging to the Earl of Salisbury, with a fine park and vineyard, and by divines for its church, (of the monuments wherein see my former journals) and noted living, supposed to be the best in England, and worth a thousand pounds per annum; thence, along by Sir William Read's park, remarkable for its noble timber, and a large brick-wall surrounding it, to Welwyn, a town of good inns; thence to Stevenage, a great malting town, at the end of which, are several tumuli or barrows, whether of the Romans or Danes is controverted; but if its name be more properly writ, Stevenhaugh, it seems to determine them

for the latter, the termination being septentrional: we lodged here this night; enjoyed my company.

27. Morning, begun our journey, through Baldock-lanes, notorious for their badness, as the neighbourhood for exaction of *passage-gelt* through the enclosures; the town itself has a good trade in corn and cheese, brought from the Fen countries. At Biggleswade, a market-town, we left the full road and passed through a pleasant corn country, and several church towns, to Bedford, that gives name to the county, situate on both sides of the river Ouse, which is navigable for boats, from Lynn hither; there are two gate-houses upon the bridge, and near the river side has been an ancient castle, of which, scarce so much as any ruins remain; there being a bowling-green upon the height of all, whence a good prospect into the adjoining country; it is a clean town, but dead for want of trade and business; no spirit or life appeared; we could not procure a map of the county, either at the booksellers', coffee-house, or inn. We crossed over the country to see Harwood, (which the country people call Harold or Harlswood) which is pleasantly situate, in this dry season, but seems to be too low and moist for winter, though here is a pleasant seat of the Lady Jolly. The standing still of the river Ouse, and leaving a clear passage void of water, before the civil wars 1399, and the death of King Charles the First, is both mentioned by Mr. Camden, and his continuator in Dr. Gibson's edition, and was also confirmed to us by the

inhabitants, particularly a gentleman that was fishing, who said it was a little above where he then was. In our way hither, we passed over two bridges of about thirty low arches each, and some part of the way as rocky as can well be supposed in the most remote parts of the island, though the arable land is carefully cultivated; as also in Hertfordshire, where I forgot to note that we observed a plough, with two small iron wheels, which render it very expeditious in husbandry. From Harwood, we passed through . . . . . where was a very antique fabric, which the inhabitants had no name for, whereby to distinguish whether it had been for sacred or civil uses, and it was so dark that we could discern no particular form; it afterwards grew so excessive dark before we could reach our journey's end, that we very narrowly escaped overturning; we got out of the coach, not without difficulty, and walked on foot to Northampton, where we lodged.

28. Morning, viewed the town, situate on the river Nen or Avon, and as now rebuilt, one of the most delicate, pleasant towns in England, adorned with great variety of architecture, in the portico before the great church, the Guildhall and other public and private buildings in the large quadrangular market-place, the High-street, &c.: its chief manufacture is shoes and boots. I transcribed some epitaphs, and among the rest, one for John Bailes, who died in April 1706, aged 126, yet his hearing, sight, and memory perfect. From Northampton we travel-

led to Harborough, a large market-town, but chiefly noted for the best coach-horses, and those for troopers, sold here in great numbers at their annual fairs: thence, I remember little till we came to Leicester, the county town, remarkable for antiquity, and also for its modern state; besides the remains of the castle, there are at the Old Wark some very handsome late erections; we visited two or three of the churches; the most remarkable epitaph is that of Mr. Heyrick and his wife, which see in my collection of Epitaphs; they lived together fifty-two years, yet buried none out of the family, though sometimes twenty in household; she lived ninety-seven years and saw one hundred and forty-three descendants. There are two remarkable hospitals; that especially, erected by the Duke of Lancaster, covered with lead, is one entire room, the men's lodging on one side, the women's on the other, with a chapel for devotions at the end, continually open to them. The houses of the town are generally ancient, but the market cross, conduit for water, and hall for the assizes are new erections, perfectly modern: the feast of St. Blase, a bishop, is celebrated yearly about Candlemas by those who deal in wool, he being said to be the first who invented the combing thereof. The monuments in the church-yards are generally made of a sort of black marble, the product of this country, which seems capable of improvement. Evening at the Coffee-house, &c.

29. Morning, rose pretty early, took our journey

by Mount Sorrel, or Steril, as some call it, alluding to its sterility; the houses are many of them built of irregular stones, diversely variegated, hard to be wrought, and therefore walled as they are found. Mr. Place, a person of curiosity and judgment in those affairs, says they are porphyry; the variety of colours makes them look pleasantly, even in their rough cast; I brought a sample of that and the black marble along with me. The next place of note is, Loughborough, a large market town, with a good church. Bunny is but a small country village, but deserves a grateful memorial for the seat and benefaction of Sir Thomas Perkins, who, anno 1700, built a very delicate school, with a small hospital at the end of it; gives 10*l.* per annum to the school-master; for the inscriptions, see my pocket-book of epitaphs, &c. We reached Nottingham in so great time, that we hoped to have got to Mansfield, but the coach wanting some repair detained us; hereby took the fuller view of the town, pleasantly situate near the river Trent: the castle is a noble pile of building, begun by William, Duke of Newcastle, anno 1667; his statue on horseback in the front is well performed; here is a noble prospect of the country, but the wind being strong, could not so well come nigh the out-parts, nor venture down the precipice to Mortimer's Hole; many of the rooms are wainscoted with cedar. Here are some good original pictures of the Earls of Clare; for the inscriptions upon whose monuments in the great church, see my

former collections; and for others, thence and in another church, see the latter part; and for that upon Mr. Collins's hospital, which is a most excellent fabric, with a square court in the midst of twenty alms-houses, each consisting of four rooms, being for the reception of poor families; he is said to have been of the Family of Love, but of a most extensive charity, living and dying.

I visited Mr. Fenton, prebendary of Southwell, a native of our parish, and had the benefit of the prayers at his church; then went to see them make the curious Nottingham mugs; he formed one piece of clay into a mug, then immediately into a teapot, then a decanter, and in a few moments into six or seven vessels, of quite different forms, which brought to my thoughts that Scripture, "as clay in the hands of the potter." We went also to see Mr. Nicholas Strelley (of the ancient family of Strelley, of Strelley,) spin glass very fine, and make some curiosities of the same materials; bought some.

30. Morning, rose early; begun our journey over the pleasant forest of Sherwood; in view of many pleasant seats of the nobility, particularly Rufford, formerly an abbey, lately the seat of the Marquis of Halifax, and Thoresby, at present the noble seat of the Marquis of Dorchester. We had after, the distant prospects of Worksop and Kiveton, the noble palaces of the Dukes of Norfolk and Leeds, and of many noted places in Yorkshire, the honour of Tickhill, Laughton-in-le-Morthing, (not the Morning, as

commonly miscalled,) and got late enough to Doncâster, where we lodged.

31. Die Dom. Morning, was much concerned that was obliged to travel all the day with my friend, at whose expense I have been all the journey, and whose business called him to York, where we arrived in the evening, after a most uncomfortable day's journey, not only in the anxiety of my mind, which was very uneasy, but other cross accidents; had much rain, and missed our way more than in all the journey before, so that we might read our sin in the punishment.

Sept. 1. Morning, walked with Mr. Boulter to Mr. Place's and Dr. Ashenden's; visited also cousin Lumley's and Admiral Fairfax; we begun our journey about noon, and got in good time to Gawthorp Hall, the seat of my kind friend, Mr. Boulter, whose company and books enjoyed in the evening.

2. Morning, rose early; then rode to Leeds by eight, where, through the Divine goodness, I found my poor family well, and had renewed occasion to bless our merciful Protector, both for personal and relative mercies; made my first visit (as in conscience and gratitude obliged,) to the house of God, and after to relations and friends, which took up rest of day and evening: read only in Psalms and Numbers, where had left off when begun my journey.

4. Morning, read; wrote a little; till ten at prayers: afternoon, walked with Ralph to Beeston Hall, to deliver the parchment; in return, saw much

vanity at a distance upon Holbeck-moor, at the feast foolishly begun there of late years.

6. Morning, read; wrote to Bishop of Carlisle; till ten at prayers; after, amongst papers; but was prevented of going to church, by a visit from Sir Walter and the Lady Calverley, &c. to see the curiosities. Evening, wrote in diary; read as usual before prayer.

11. Morning, read before family prayer; then walked with the ingenious artist, Mr. Place, to Cavalier Hill, to take a prospect of the town and navigable river, which took up most of day; evening, at Ald. A. and with Mr. Place, at Coffee-house.

12. Morning, read; then, again taking prospect of the town; and after, at the New Church, (Alderman Rontree being to be buried,) taking its prospect; evening, with him and cousin K. at the Talbot.

13. Morning, read; showing collections to strangers; then, taking the prospect of the Old Church; and again at the hill, to finish that of the town, till four; after, at Alderman Milner's and Mr. Skinner's, with Mr. Place.

14. Die Dom. Morning, could not sleep; was much concerned at what Mr. Milner told me last night, about the Corporation's design to elect me to supply a late vacancy, which I earnestly and heartily desired his assistance to prevent; and I was also much troubled at the prospect of too much of this holy day's being unsuitably spent, being obliged to

attend my guest to Sir George Tempest's, at Tong; read, &c.; then, rode with Mr. Place to Tong; was shameful late at the chapel, where Mr. Rawson preached very well against the Jewish sin of usury: he afterwards dined with us at Sir George's; but, being to preach at Calverley, we had no divine worship afternoon. Lord, pity and pardon! Evening, read, &c.

15. Morning, read, &c.; then, rode with my friend, Mr. Place, to the Warren-house, upon Bramham Moor, (the half-way house to York,) where, after a refreshment, we parted. In my return, I visited Parson Plaxton, at Berwick, and got well home, blessed be God!

16. Morning, read; wrote till ten; at church; afternoon, abroad, at cousin W.'s, with Mr. A. F.; and after, with Alderman Milner; got the stream diverted.

17. Morning, began Ecclesiastes, or "the Preacher," as in this ancient version; wrote to two Mr. Gales, per post; then, to avoid appearance at the Court, took what sheets of the Ducatus Leodiensis are printed off, and carried them to Mr. Plaxton, who has importunately desired the perusal of them; that reading part of which took up rest of day and evening, till family prayers.

18. Morning, after Mr. Plaxton's prayers in family, we again read ditto till dinner; and after, till past three, when I returned home, and in my walks

read the Knowledge of Medals, an excellent tract, translated from the French, by my honoured friend, Roger Gale, Esq.

20. I begun the Canticles, ("Ballet of Ballets," in this old version,) in secret, and read.

24. Morning, read; then, showing collections to Mr. Booth, an artist, who has lately drawn Howley Hall; till ten at church; after, wrote a little, till visited by Mr. Moult, who stayed till evening, which was spent with Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Wilkinson, of Dublin.

25. Morning, read; then writing an account of the Hebrew coins till ten; at church; after, poring upon the Greek medals; evening, at cousin Aldburgh's.

26. Morning, read; most of the day upon the Greek History and Medals, till diverted by a Lancaster gentleman to see the collections, with whom to show him the town and lock; at cousin W.'s request, spent evening there.

27. Morning, read, &c.; then, had Dr. Tomlinson's company to Ledstone Hall, where most kindly received by the excellent and most pious Lady Elizabeth Hastings, who showed me some valuable books and pictures of relations, both of the Earl of Huntingdon's family and Sir John Lewis's, the benefactors; amongst other, the Lady Davis's, (the Irish prophetess,) and a treatise of her husband's, (the Attorney-General,) concerning the Immortality of the

Soul; these and the agreeable conversation tempted us to stay too long, that we were late enough home; but, blessed be God, had good weather, (though sore rains this morning,) and tolerable way.

29. Morning, read, &c.; then assisting Lords of Manor collecting fee-farm rents, till three; at five at Court, where too much contention was evident, though I gave my vote for William Nevile, Esq. to be Alderman, thinking it an honour to the place I am writing the history of, her Majesty having thought fit to make him High Sheriff of the county and Justice of Peace; yet I cannot so far comply with that party, as to think that fifteen votes should preponderate seventeen, directly opposite to the minutes in the Court-book, that Mr. S. P. was elected by majority of votes. I afterwards was with them at the treat, but came away with the Vicar and clergy in good time.

Oct. 3. Morning, was much affected with a letter received per this post, from the Secretary of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge: the Lord direct them in their consultations, and grant thy blessing, O God, upon their pious endeavours, that all places may be filled with the knowledge of thy will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that we may walk worthy of the Lord unto all well-pleasing; being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God the Father, and Jesus Christ whom he sent into the world to save sinners: and

grant, O merciful Father! that this divine knowledge may be attended with answerable obedience in holy renewed, and exemplary lives!

10. Morning, read and writ till ten; at church; after received a visit from Sir Walter Calverley and other Justices, &c. Rest of day transcribing some ancient deeds relating to that family; till four at the county sessions to see them and others, Sir George Tempest, my friend Dr. Richardson, &c. with whom rest of day and part of evening; consulting Mr. Skelton about the map.

15. Morning, read, and wrote per post till near noon, when rode with my dear friend Mr. Milner to Nun Appleton, enjoyed his good company in the evening.

16. Morning, read, then taking a more particular view of the noble fabric he has erected and almost finished: may he and his long enjoy it! Then rode to York, was glad to find the three prospects so near finished by Mr. Place, with whom and Dr. Ashenden a little. Then called at the auction of the late chancellor (Dr. Watkinson's) valuable library; hasted out of town, and fearing to be benighted, only called at my Lord Archbishop's but alighted not; rode all alone over the Moors to Nun-Appleton, but got well thither, blessed be God! Was in company of old Robert Taite, who has seen the chapel and some remains of the nunnery; saw the old house pulled down and a stately new one erected by Thomas Lord Fairfax, the General, and now the

most of that pulled down, and a much more convenient (though not quite so large an one) erected by Mr. Milner; he remembers the first Thomas Lord Fairfax and his son Ferdinando; was servant to the third Lord, the General; the Lord Henry and last Lord Thomas were also survived by him, who now lives in the sixth Lord Fairfax's time, five of whom he has seen. Evening read.

17. So this morning, then transcribing some memorandums of Mr. Henry Fairfax (father to the fourth Lord) relating to Bolton church, of which he was rector; looking amongst the ruins, found one stone with *Orate pro animâ*, but the name not legible, the rest broken off that no date appeared. After dinner returned with my kind friend to Leeds, where late enough, but, blessed be God! got well home and found all well there.

27. Morning, wrote and read; rest of the day upon the consular medals, writing an account of them. Evening read.

28. All day as yesterday; read, &c., but upon family coins all day.

November 6. Read and wrote till ten; at church; after upon the consular medals till evening; read.

7. Morning, read, &c. All day transcribing a sheet for the press. Evening read, &c.

11. Morning read, &c.; then writing till ten; at prayers; after at the Vicar's to assist parson Dixon's widow; rest of day within writing. Evening read, concluded Sir Richard Blackmore's noble

poem, The Creation, a learned, ingenious, and most pious treatise, with which I was often much affected.

> "The Atheist if to search for truth inclin'd
> May in himself his full conviction find,
> And from his body teach his erring mind."

12. Much affected in a dream I had about the remains of many learned men represented to my imagination, as all that is left of them on this side eternity. Read till light, then wrote till noon about business. Evening with Mr. R.; read.

13. Was within all day, read and wrote in order for the press, except when received a kind visit from Mr. Skelton about the twenty miles map. Evening, read.

28. This day as yesterday, wholly spent in study. Evening, ...

29. Morning, read; wrote per post, and carrier till near eleven; then at my usual employment till past two; at the funeral of Mr. Ibbetson's eldest son; had the Mayor's, cousin Milner, and others of the Aldermen's company at my house, till the burial. Evening, &c.

Dec. 12. Morning, read; was all day within writing for the press, except a little with visitants.

13. Morning, wrote to Mr. Gale and Mr. Atkins till light; then again poring upon the old coins, and proceeding in the catalogue, which is tedious enough, and took up all day and part of evening; had son Ralph's assistance.

16. Morning, read; former part of day at my

study; but the latter and part of evening abroad about business, though to little purpose; not so much money to be-got as will pay taxes; then at my study till past nine.

17. Morning, wrote by post; then at my usual employ till noon; at the funeral of good old Math. Wilkinson. Mr. Cookson preached very well from that of the Psalmist, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom;" the three dead corpses preached another lecture of mortality. Mr. Ray, chaplain to the Lord Irwin, brought me a message from the excellent Lady Dowager with a roll of arms, perusal of which took up time; then at study till past nine.

19. Morning, read till eight; was all day with the feoffees and cousin I. S. at Great Woodhouse, the Car, and skirts of this town, distributing part of great-grandfather Jenkinson's dole to poor housekeepers.

21. Die Dom. Morning, read heads of sermons in diary; the Vicar preached excellently and suitably concerning Christian festivals, and the keeping them with sincerity and truth, showing the lawfulness of instituting religious festivals of praise and thanksgiving, and of what use they are in the Church of Christ; answering objections, as: 1. that they are will-worship, mere human institutions, not only without warrant from, but in opposition to the Scripture, showing that the only place in Scripture, (Coloss. ii. 23,) wherein will-worship is mentioned,

is expressly, as appears by the coherence, against the introducing the Jewish ceremonies, which were abrogated by Christ; that though, indeed, the instituting a new kind of worship would be indisputably sin, as setting up a new object of worship, yet there are several matters relating to time and place, the season, and proper occasions, that being matters of indifference, are left to the authority of the Christian church to determine: second objection, that the observation of them is needless and superstitious, and condemned even by God himself, "no observer of times," Deut. xviii. 10, and that of the Apostle to the Galatians, showing that the former is directed against the heathens, the latter against the Jewish ceremonies; but the feast of Purim, and that instituted in the time of the Maccabees, were of human institution, yet was our Saviour personally present, without reproving it: third objection, that they too generally occasion vice and immorality, which is a deplorable truth, if it be a necessary consequence; but by the same parity of reason, the wicked lives of Christians may be objected against the truth of the Christian religion: second head, to show how the due observation of this festival serves to show the excellency of the Christian religion; and that 1. as it requires an ardent and more than ordinary devotion towards God, and charity to the poor: who can meditate seriously upon God's sending his only Son to die for us, and of his willingness to leave Heaven, but he must feel these effects? third head, the great

care that in these rejoicings we do not exceed the due bounds of sobriety and temperance, and to that end, fail not daily to beg the Divine assistance in fervent prayer, that when your mind is somewhat relaxed, you may not sin against him.

26. With my two boys, to show them the lion, panther, &c.

27. Morning read, and wrote to Mr. Gale; then proceeding in catalogue of coins.

29. Morning, read; wrote; till near twelve at the funeral of Alderman Gibson; Mr. Lodge preached very well from that "night cometh wherein no man can work;" the text and Providence were both awakening: going from thence to the funeral of another ancient member of the Corporation, Domine Hunter: yet all this does not mortify me as it ought, but that I was too much moved at Mr. . . .'s talking of my election to an office they are sensible I am as unwilling to accept of, as unfit to execute.

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January 5. Morning, wrote letters; read; wrote till ten; at church; and after, till three, when visited by Mr. Parker, of Carlton, the benefactor, and Mr. Rookes, with whom evening; had some discourse with cousin Wilson about forming a religious society here, which was very refreshing to my spirits.

6. Morning, read and wrote till ten, when again visited by ditto worthy benefactor; after, wrote till about three, when abroad about business, though to

little purpose; evening, at his importunity, again with Mr. Parker till near eight.

7. Morning, read; then, wrote for the press; all day within, pretty close at work, the weather being more temperate.

11. Concluded the pious Dr. Woodward's Account of the Rise and Progress of the Religious Societies, with which much affected, and have had it much upon my heart to promote one at this town, as tending to the increase of practical holiness. Lord, give a blessing, I humbly beseech thee, and grant that in thy due time it may be accomplished!

16. Got this day entirely to my studies; evening, making an index to last year's volume of letters from my correspondents.

17. Morning, read; then, writing to Whitehall; most of the day transcribing for the press, and part of evening.

19. Morning, read; wrote by post; rest of day proceeding in my studies. Mem. Madam Nevile was this day buried, with great state; yesterday also was another Aldress (Mrs. Armitage) interred; so that of the fourteen relicts of the Mayors of this town, lately living at the same time, there are now seven dead. This computation was made anno 1703; but, notwithstanding the deaths of so many of the relicts, there were the last week living the same number, viz. fourteeen relicts of Aldermen and two Recorders, of which sixteen the moiety lived within the compass of a bow shot of each other.

20. Morning, read; forenoon within, prosecuting my studies; but much of the after, abroad, about business, and to visit Mr. Nevile, from Oxford.

24. Morning, read; wrote by post; then, at my usual employ till near three; visited by the Mayor and two clergy; afterwards, got my resignation attested, and sent it to the Court, and was surprised, after my return from church, to hear that it would not be received, but the messenger turned away, and the door locked; was afterward disturbed with one of ill fame, who would needs, in spite of my right, be an inmate with a tenant. Lord, pardon my discomposedness.

25. Die Dom. Morning, (a most blustering windy St. Paul's day,)* much affected in reading that of our blessed Saviour's crying out upon the cross: was somewhat enlarged in prayer: blessed be God for any assistance to a sinful creature, that has forfeited all.

26. Morning, wrote heads of sermon, read, &c; was all day within, prosecuting my studies, which yet, I think, proceed slowly.

28. Morning, read and wrote, per post, till ten; at prayers; and so after; till three at the funeral of Josiah Bolland; afterwards, walked with my dear to Cross Green.

* To which is annexed the line, *Si fuerint venti, designant prœlia genti.*—Thoresby was at this time almost constantly employed in preparing manuscript for the printers, and correcting the proofs, which were sent to him by post. In the latter, he was much assisted by his elder son.

31. Morning, read or wrote; till near three at the funeral of Mr. William Cotton; the Vicar preached very well from Ephesians v. 15, 16, "walk circumspectly, (cautiously,) redeeming the time," (repurchasing, regaining,) explaining the metaphorical expression, and giving good directions to walk after the rule that is prescribed in the Gospel; 2. the example set us by the blessed Jesus; and 3. the means allowed, &c.; and gave a short and comprehensive character of the party, for his piety and charity, testified in a generous and liberal contribution to the Charity-school, (50*l.* which he gave several years before his death;) evening, read and wrote, but spent too little in the preparatory work. Lord pity!

February 3. Read; surprised with the account of Mr. Bowyer's house being burnt, and 5000*l.* damage in books; and amongst the rest, about twenty sheets of mine, that were printed at that press, which will retard the publication: but I was chiefly concerned for the ingenious printer's loss, though hope he may obtain a brief;* was all day at my study, (except about an hour, diverted by a visitant.)

4. Concluded Nehemiah, &c.; then, wrote, per post, to Mr. Gale and the undertaker; was all day within, at my work; till four, at prayers; evening, at sister Wilson's, with relations from Brotherton; stayed too late.

* He did so. See *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. i. p. 60. Thoresby observes, in his *Review*, that almost the whole impression of Atkyns' History of Gloucestershire perished in this fire.

10. Concluded the learned Mr. Elstob's Essay on the Affinity of Divinity and Law, which some censure as too high, as Mr. Gunter's Jus Gentium is too low; and perhaps a medium might be better than either.

11. Morning, read, &c.; then wrote to my Lord Archbishop of York, in behalf of a poor widow; then to take leave of relations for Brotherton, which lost most of forenoon. Rest of day within, poring upon the Saxon coins. Evening, read, &c.

12. Morning, read, &c.; finished perusal of a curious though small tract, of the Genius and Potestas of the English Language, which argues the learned and ingenious author, John Chamberlayn, Esq. F.R.S. (whose present it was) intimately acquainted with the ancient and modern Northern and Southern tongues. Was all day within at my study, and evening too.

13. Morning, read; was all day at my work. Evening, finishing some Memoirs for Dr. Calamy, and correcting some errata, that learned and pious men of what denomination so ever, may have their due.

16. Morning, read chapters; wrote in Diary; then at my usual work till ten; at prayers. After, wrote till four; with Mr. Collins from my Lord Archbishop of York, looking over the writings relating to the manor of Otley, till nine.

17. Afternoon, received a kind visit from Mr. Drake, of Sheffield, now rector of Kirkby Ore-blowers.

19. Morning, read; then writing to the Bishop of Man till eight. After, at my proper task till ten, at church; but lost too much of the afternoon in showing collections to a gentleman, whom I could not handsomely deny; till four at prayers. After, to visit cousin W. somewhat indisposed.

20. Morning, began Romans, &c. After, read and wrote, till at funeral of Mr. Thomas, a younger son of the late Mr. Lodge. The Vicar preached excellently from that of the Psalmist, "Take me not away in the midst of my days."

21. Morning, read; then all day close at work to repair the damage done by the fire at London, revising some sheets.

22. Die Dom. Morning, wrote in Diary, read in family. Mr. Lodge proceeded to the third head, to convince of the great sin and mischief of separation and division. If the Apostle argues so strongly against Schism, which was then but in embryo, what can be said to open and avowed separation? 1. When men needlessly separate, they know not where to fix, or what to stick to. 2. They are often uncharitable and censorious. 3. Seem to mistake the main design of Christianity, by placing their zeal, heat, and debates about matters not essential; and, 4. sometimes arrive at downright irreligion, as the author of Freethinking, (a wretched pamphlet lately got abroad). He desired not to be understood so as to fix these upon all the Nonconformists; but to caution them, and prevent others with persuasion,

to whom he concluded. This, I confess I like better than I used to do polemical discourses of this nature, because I feared from the intemperate heat of some of late years, that they rather desired to be quit of some pious Christians, that thought it their duty to comply with the public Establishment, (because reputed Low Church) than to desire others to come in. Lord, increase practical religion, and sincere piety and charity, for Jesus' sake!

24. Forenoon, within; read, and wrote; but much of the afternoon abroad, about various occasions. At Mr. Milner's, and walked with the Mayor to Cavalier-hill, to take a finishing prospect of the town, and view the charity farm, &c.

March 7. Morning, read; then writing till ten; at church; then with a poor widow to assist her. After, writing; but forced to desist by a severe pain in the cerebellum, a memento of a sudden dissolution. Lord, prepare me for thy pleasure!

8. Catechized near fifty poor children and servants. Heard them the Psalms appointed, and distributed the last of the Lord Wharton's Bibles.

9. Morning, read; wrote heads of sermon in Diary; then list of names of children that received the Bibles to the Hon. Mr. Auditor Harley, and along with a sheet of the coins to Mr. Gale till noon. Showing collections to a clergyman from Scarborough. After, proceeding in my work till evening, to visit Mr. Nevile, and his Oxford brother, with whom at auction.

20. Morning, rose about five; not unaffected with the passing bell for Aldress Dodson entering upon a boundless eternity. Oh that I may be prepared for that great change! All day within writing, so part of evening.

21. Morning, read; then finishing another sheet, and sending it to Mr. Gale, who, after perusal, franks it to the press. Rest of day proceeding in the rest, &c.

28. Morning, concluded the Revelations of that edition of the Bible called Matthews', or rather John Rogers', the Proto-martyr in Queen Mary's reign, (see Strype's Memoirs of Archbishop Cranmer, p. 82). Lord, teach me to profit! Collated also the Table of Lessons for Saints' days, wherein a happy reformation, the superstitious ones now being cast out. Wrote per post till ten; at church; afterwards, lost much time in a fruitless endeavour to appease the intemperate heats and passions of two contending gentlewomen, who are for a few days to be lodgers here, that wrote little till four; at church. Afterwards with Mr. Milner, about a Cambridge journey.

April 4. Morning, read; then with the Mayor, to wait of the Judge, Baron Bury, from whom received some information concerning his kinsman Judge Rokeby's pedigree. After, walked to Berwick to visit parson Plaxton.

5. Die Dom; morning, Mr. Plaxton preached very well from that in the Apostle, "Take, eat, this is my body," preparatory to the sacrament,

which he administered to above one hundred persons, and near as many on Friday, when he was four hours engaged in the church, telling the Woodside folk that it may be he might see them no more till that time twelve months, and therefore ordered the clerk to sing a psalm, and so kept them together and read the afternoon's service; this afternoon after prayers he expounded part of the creed, after he had catechised the children, to the instruction of the elder, as well as younger part of the auditory, and, notwithstanding his jocular temper and satirical wit, (which displeaseth some, and pleaseth many,) he is very commendably serious and industrious in his cure, and hath brought his parish to an excellent order.

6. Enjoyed the parson a little, and then returned with my son, by Mr. Vevers' of Morwick; in good time home, &c.

7. Morning, proceeding in the English coins till about four, when diverted by one from York to see the collections, which lost some time.

13. Morning, proceeding in the Scotch coins till four; at church; a severe snow, would be accounted a stormy day at Christmas, so that the shops were shut up; long icicles at the eves of houses.

22. Collated a manuscript with the printed edition of the King's book, (both very rare,) a good step towards a reformation in Hen. VIII.'s time. Writ till ten; and after till four; at the funeral of a poor neighbour; and before we left church the

passing bell tolled for Alderman Nevile, late high sheriff of the county.

23. Morning, wrote till ten; and after till four; then to see the lifeless corpse of one who was lately one of the properest, [most] comely gentlemen in these parts, lately fresh and flourishing, now withered, dead, and dry.* Stayed a little in the garden with my Oxford friend, then wrote till dark.

24. Morning, read and wrote till ten; after with parson Robinson. Afternoon, walked with Mr. Mayor, cousin Wilson to Woodhouse; ordered a sod to be cut up on each side the causeway to challenge our right, which some would pretend to controvert now, though never disputed before. But the indiscretion of Mr. A. in giving any one liberty to grave sods, has exasperated some of the freeholders, of whom Braithwait, Hardcastle, Jefferson, and Pickard appeared, and we were six of the Lords *propriis personis* to assert our right; after our return stayed full late at the Mayor's.

25. Morning, former part of the day within, writing; latter, at funeral of Mr. Nevile, and after with some of the country justices, &c. in town upon that occasion, (amongst whom three baronets;) after at cousin Whitaker's.

May 1. Morning, wrote till ten; but being very heavy, took son Ralph along with me and walked to Beeston to see the ingenious Mrs. Bland, the He-

* Nevile of Holbeck. The late John Pate Nevile, Esq. descended from a sister of this Mr. Nevile, and assumed the name.

brician; was moved with the afflictions of that poor distressed family.

6. Wrote till ten; and after till four; after with the Johnians met to celebrate their St. John Port Latin.

12. Wrote till ten; at church, where the vicar read prayers, and the cavalcade began presently after from the Mayor's; after the constables on foot, the Mayor's younger son carried a silk streamer with the Queen's cypher and crown, with "Peace, 1713;" then followed the scholars and other gentlemen's sons on horseback, which were followed by the common-council-men in their black gowns; then the Aldermen in theirs, two by two, from the junior to the eldest; then the town clerk with the proclamation, which was made at five places, (the Cross, Kirkgate-end, Bore-Lane, Bridge-end, and Vicarage;) then the two Serjeants-at-Mace, in their black gowns, bearing the old silver mace, and the new great gilt one; then the Mayor in his scarlet gown, who was attended by the clergy, gentlemen, merchants, and a numerous train of townsmen: after which a great feast, but though I had a special invitation, I thought it advisable to retire, dreading the usual attendants, drunkenness and quarrelling, and being in no station that necessarily required attendance. Wrote little till four; at church: the evening concluded with bonfires and illuminations in every house, which, though usual at London, the like was never seen here: but alas! too much of the

usual effects all night long. I sat up till midnight reading, for fear of inconvenience by the lights.

16. Concluded the hasty perusal of Dr. Calamy's Account of the ejected Ministers, wherein several mistakes capable of emendations; restored it to Mr. M.

17. Die Dom. Morning, collated an ancient edition of the Bible: blessed be God for a more accurate one now, though the former was a great happiness then.

25. At Mr. Milner's about the Queen's most noble statue, now preparing to be placed at the Guild-hall.

27. Read and wrote; then with Alderman Milner at the setting up of the noble statue of the Queen at the Guild-hall.

28. Wrote till ten; at church; and after, till visited by my dear friend Mr. Hardy of Lincolnshire;* showing collections to his fellow travellers, and after enjoyed his company till eight.

29. Read and wrote till church time, when Mr. Cookson preached, suitably to the joyful anniversary, from 1 Peter ii. 15, 16. Showing, 1st. that Christian liberty doth not disengage us from our obedience to the secular power, &c.

* A divine of great learning and attainments, whose opinions on the point of Conformity to the Established Church were changed and changed again. He was for some years Minister of the Presbyterian congregation at Nottingham, and he had there a little museum of coins and curiosities. He was well acquainted with Dr. Stukely, who dedicates to him one of the plates in his Itinerary, as his "erudite and very dear friend."

30. Morning, read; wrote per post till ten; called at Mr. Mayor's, who has at long run procured my quietus as to the Corporation, but was surprised to hear, that when I had secured not my friends only, but others by their means, there should yet remain so many as to throw half the number of votes upon me as upon him that carried it to succeed Alderman Nevile. I flattered myself that I had not so many enemies in the Corporation, and makes me still the better pleased that my resignation is accepted, though it cost me 20*l.* Esquire Armitage of Netherton afterwards visited me, and in the afternoon Mr. Blackburn and his brother, from Lancaster, to see the collections, which took up the rest of day.

June 6. Wrote to Mr. Gale till ten, and after till four; then beholding the dying agonies of the late ingenious artist, poor Mr. Robert Jackson, a practical lecture of frailty, &c. I find a very sensible decay, and what seems also to portend a sudden dissolution. Lord prepare me for that great change!

10. Wrote till near ten, when my nieces, Eliz. and Mary Thoresby, came to divide the linen and plate, with whom, assisting them and procuring a discharge upon delivering them,* till near three; at funeral of Mr. Robert Jackson, and afterwards walked to little Woodhouse to visit Mr. Pendlebury.

19. Morning, wrote till ten; after showing collections to a rich Justice of the Peace from Craven, who

* These were the two children of his brother Jeremiah Thoresby, who had been entertained in his family from the time of their father's death.

afternoon brought his lady and others. I was ready to grudge at the expense of time, as the servant did at the trouble (not having received the value of sixpence of above six months.) Wrote a little till four. Showing collection to a minister from London, which occasions a great consumption of time.

July 1. Morning, writing per Mr. Milner till ten. Afternoon, writing till four; afterwards in the vestry with the Vicar, subscribed a petition to the Archbishop for liberty to erect a new gallery for one hundred persons, on the south side of the church.

8. Morning, read, &c; then amongst the Indian plants till ten, and after till four; then abroad about various occasions, particularly to give widow B. 5*l.* from the Archbishop.

9. Morning, wrote till ten, and after till four, when at church; then looking over the exotic plants.

11. Wrote per post to the Archbishop and to Mr. Gale till ten; rest of day proceeding in exotic plants.

13. Morning, wrote till ten; afternoon showing collections to Mr. Fowler (son to my friend the Bishop of Gloucester) and to his brother Chadwick, grandson to Archbishop Tillotson, by the excellent Bishop Wilkins's daughter.

16. Sent for by the Rev. Mr. Milner, only son to our late learned Vicar, some of whose valuable manuscripts he designs to publish, and leave the rest to Dr. Jenkins, the master of St. John's, to be deposited in the library there.

17. Morning, read and wrote till nine, when our

good Vicar and I went to Kippax Park, where most kindly received by the ingenious and virtuous Lady Bland. After dinner her ladyship showed me the gallery, where are the pictures of the Kings of England, from William I. to Queen Elizabeth, in whose time the house was built; from the turret there is a pleasant prospect of the adjacent country: after I had entered some late alterations in the family in the printed pedigree, we returned, and, *en passant*, visited Mrs. Ibbetson, to enquire of her learned and ingenious son at Oxford. In the evening I was pleasantly surprised to find Mr. Milner so unexpectedly returned from Cambridge and London, &c.; stayed late enough that read little.

August 2. Die Dom. Morning, I finished the perusal of Mr. Monro's Essay upon Christian Education, an excellent tract, and written in a most agreeable spirit of Christian piety and moderation, fit for such whose humble and modest piety disposes them not to pick quarrels with, or raise contests about the constitutions of their superiors; but carefully to enquire how they make a good use of them, and improve them to their spiritual advantage: they know very well, that as soon as the spirit of sincere piety and true devotion revives in the members of the Church, decency and good order will follow, of course; and, therefore, it is about the former that their zeal is principally employed; they are the internal disorders and maladies they would have, in the first place, redressed, and purity and righteous-

ness, solid virtue and genuine piety introduced, without which, external form will avail nothing.

3. Digesting the formed stones into order till ten, and after, till near three, when walked to Black Bank, to the funeral of Alderman Iveson; the Vicar preached very well from 1 Cor. xv. 32.

16. Die Dom. Morning, had reason to remember with a sad heart, that this day completes fifty-five years, which I have too unprofitably spent, and to conclude that very little of my pilgrimage now remains, my dear father wanting some months of it, and my dear mother, and brother, and sister, dying much younger, all three in the thirty-sixth year of their age; and that none of my uncles, of the Thoresbys attained near so much as my father; that, though my years, at best, may be said to be but few and evil, (as the Patriarch said at a much greater,) yet I have great reason, considering the short-livedness of the family, and my own frailties, to conclude it will not be much longer; and, therefore, to prepare for death and eternity; and because reading the word of God, meditation and prayer, are the best preparatives, I humbly beg the Divine blessing upon my weak endeavours herein, &c.

18. Read and wrote; most of day within, following my studies; afternoon, visited by Dr. Hutchinson, from London, and his sister Wilkinson, of Armley, and Mr. Fenton, of Nottingham, with others, to see the curiosities; then, sending Mr. Smith's manuscript to Mr. Plaxton; evening, perusing Goltzius,

&c. about a Roman Consular medal, lately found at Nottingham, whence I now received it.

27. At work till three; visited by Dr. Fairfax, son, brother, and uncle to the Lords of that name, with whom about the Admiral's election for the city of York.

28. Morning, read and wrote a little; then, with the Doctor, to address several freemen of York, in behalf of Vice-Admiral Fairfax, till ten; afternoon, again sent for by the Doctor.

September 12. Morning, read and wrote, per post, till ten; afternoon, upon a letter from Parson Plaxton, took a walk to Berwick; read Mr. Rymer's letter to Bishop of Carlisle, concerning Scotch leagues.

13. Die Dom. Morning, Mr. John Plaxton preached very ingeniously from Proverbs; but I had no opportunity of noting the heads; afterwards, took leave of my old friend, who is for the Lord Gower's, whence he talks of returning the next month; but I much suspect it, considering his age and infirmities; the Lord go with him and return him! In my return, read the pious Mr. Smith's manuscript, the Seventh Day Sabbath Abrogated, and the First Day of the Week established to be the Christian Sabbath, which he fully evinceth.

30. All day collecting fee-farm rents, only evening sorting a number of formed stones,* received this day.

Oct. 1. Read, &c.; then visited by an ingenious artist, (Mr. Palmer,) from whom I received the said

* By which he means fossils.

stones; whose lectures upon them from Crake, and others, of different sorts, from the petrifying well at Knaresborough, that he brought me in the evening, pleased me well; then abroad, &c.

3. Morning, wrote till ten, and after till four; afterwards, walked with the Mayor and Alderman Milner to Burnitops, to see the new designed organ, that the placing it may not be incommodious to the church.

6. Rode with Alderman Milner to Temple Newsome, to wait of my Lord, (returned from France,) which took up rest of day. Evening, a little with Dr. Fairfax.

7. Morning, wrote, &c. till visited by Admiral Fairfax, &c., with whom and other gentry, Sir Arthur Kay, Sir Bryan Stapleton and his son, &c. I dined at the Mayor's, and spent rest of the day there and at Court, where my cousin Cookson received his quietus, and Mr. Rookes was sworn Mayor.

8. Morning, read and wrote till ten; and after, till near three, at cousin Wilson's, with Lord Irwin, &c.

9. Morning, read and wrote, &c.; after received a kind visit from Dr. Richardson and another Justice, but lost much of the afternoon at Parson R.'s.

10. Morning, wrote to Secretary of Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, about the annual parcels received yesterday; then visited by dear Dr. Richardson, and after by Mr. Bosville; till ten at

church; sent two sheets to the press by Mr. Fenton; afternoon, wrote till four; after prayers with Mr. Shelton, &c. about placing of the organ, to prevent its fixing against the Commands at our end of the church, and succeeded.

19. Morning, lost time about repairs, till near ten at church; rest of day running over many very ancient books, for such as were printed in the infancy of that art, and various editions of parts of the Bible, which took up rest of day.

Nov. 21. Was all day within, finished the catalogue of the manuscripts.

25. Read and wrote till eleven; then finishing catalogue of books published in the infancy of printing.

Dec. 9. Rode to York with J. C. to assist him in recovery of his just rights; found the road better than I dreaded, and got well thither.

10. With him at his proctor's, and after at the Ecclesiastical Court, (Curia Christianitatis,) which the present excellent Chancellor, Dr. Pearson, will bring into repute; this took up the forenoon. I dined at the said Dr. Pearson's, and visited his kinswoman, dear Mr. Thornton's widow; was afterwards fatigued in exhibiting the new church book and depositions till late; then had the advocate, proctors, and three clergymen at our inn: sat up late enough.

11. Morning, visited Mr. Hodgson; returned home, and found also my family well. I got to

church, and was, I hope, sincerely thankful; afterwards walked to Parson Robinson's.

12. Morning, read and wrote till eleven; at church: and after, till three; at church; in return, visited old Mr. Cookson, indisposed.

16. Morning, wrote four or five letters to London till eleven; afternoon at both churches, collating the printed epitaphs with the monuments, (wherein son Ralph was of use to me,) and writing new ones till near dark; visited aunt Sykes. Evening, perusing old charters.

17. Morning, ...; was all day, except usual walks to church, within, proceeding in the charters, letters patents, &c.

19. Morning, read and wrote; forenoon, proceeding in manuscripts till eleven; rest of day concluding that part of the ancient charters and deeds.

31. Read and wrote all day, save usual attendance at church. Evening, had company of brother Thoresby's children to close up the year; was disturbed with foolish, or rather sinful mummers,* and was perhaps too zealous to repress them. Lord pity and pardon!

* The Mummers are young men, fantastically dressed, who go about at this season of the year, performing an antient interlude, of which St. George is the hero. There are few persons in Yorkshire who have not been amused by this rustic entertainment; and, strange it is, that Thoresby, with his antiquarian predilections, and that scrupulosity, in which he seems to have prided himself, in respect of the candour and charity in which moral estimates ought to be taken, could see nothing but either folly or sin in this harmless relic of the customs of our simple ancestry.

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Jan. 13. Read and wrote; then abroad about the York affair; had a most terrible mist, that could not see many yards before us, yet it pleased God that I found the way nicely over the moors; conducted the double horse I had the charge of, and, through mercy, had a good journey, whereas, the adverse party, who occasioned this fatigue, missed their way, lamed a fine horse, &c. Evening, had a sharp expostulation with him at the inn, &c.

14. Lost the forenoon in a fruitless attendance, according to subpœna, at the Consistory Court; yet, upon the whole, he that had put me upon this unnecessary trouble, durst not have me examined, but I returned, *re infectâ;* afterwards I visited Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Hotham, &c., having spent the former part at Mr. Richardson's, the worthy precentor's, with whom Parson Lodge and I dined. Evening, had Mr. Palmer's, the artist's company; sat up late enough with him.

15. Morning, visited cousin Nicholson; was after at the Court and Minster prayers; returned with Mr. Lodge, &c.; got well home, blessed be God!

19. I heard of the death of a kind friend, Dr. Hargrave, of Coln.*

22. Morning, read . . . then preparing a table of antiquities to be engraved till eleven, and after till three.

* A physician there.

23. Morning, read . . . was all day within framing a second table, and drawing three Roman deities, an altar, and two bricks.

27. Morning, read and wrote till ten, when rode to Rawden in company with the mayor, vicar, and three cousins, Milner, Wilson, and Cookson, to wait of old Mr. Layton, who received us very respectfully and entertained us generously; after dinner we walked to the chapel built by order of his father, and considerably beautified by this gentleman, who hath also surrounded the church-yard with a handsome wall, and added twenty pounds per annum salary to the minister; we went thence to the school that he hath new built and endowed, over which is a convenient lodging for the master, and a chamber for the inhabitants to meet in about all public accounts, and lastly we viewed the new almshouses he is building, which he will also endow: but what pleased us above all, was his gratitude to this town for his education at the Grammar-school, and he most generously proposed that if the town would build a new church, which he heard was much wanting, and he computed would cost 3000*l.* he would give 1000*l.* towards it, that is, 500*l.* immediately upon subscriptions of 1000*l.* by the inhabitants, and 100*l.* afterwards upon the advancement of every 200*l.* This rejoiced me mightily, and it was resolved to have a meeting upon it by the chief inhabitants the beginning of next week.* Upon return

* Thoresby communicated this design of Mr. Layton to the public

to cousin Milner's, met with my Lord Irwin there, and they being all for the Assembly,* would oblige me also, which I complied with this day of wonders, having never seen one of them before, and found more innocent than plays, &c. though I design this to be the last as well as first time; we went thence to Cousin Wilson's where we supped, and stayed late that read no chapters.

Feb. 3. Morning, wrote letters, &c. till eleven. Afternoon, walked to Kirkstal Abbey to see a monument of antiquity lately discovered in digging close by the walls of the abbey in the garden, where I was inhopes by the account I had of it to have found a Roman tesselated pavement, but it proved a much later matter, though I believe as ancient as the Abbey; it is a stone coffin, and laid as usually with the face toward the east, but what was peculiar was, that the body was covered with small tiles (though larger than the Romans') of various forms and colours,

in the *Ducatus*, which was published in the succeeding year: see p. 261, where he also says that 1500*l.* of the remaining 2000*l.* had been subscribed, and that Mr. Robinson had promised to endow the church with 80*l.* per annum. In my copy of the *Ducatus*, there is written in an old hand against this passage; "The 1000*l.* not given at last, but turned off with a jest when demanded, after the 2000*l.* by subscription was raised." In the *Vicaria*, p. 245, it is said, that Mr. Layton declined to perform his promise, which seems from Thoresby's account, set down at the very time in his Diary, to have been not only serious, but even formal; and it is further said that Lady Elizabeth Hastings advanced the 1000*l.* We shall find as we proceed, more on this affair, in which the whole heart of this truly pious and good man was engaged,

* The meetings of the nobility and gentry, which, under the name of Assemblies, continue to be held in the principal provincial towns, can, I believe, scarcely be traced to a period before the Revolution.

and a stone only over the head of the coffin. Query, whether a person of quality, as they fancy, or rather a master workman at the building of the Abbey, and particularly concerned in the tile work, because covered with such, and not buried within the church part but without the walls.

10. I was much concerned for two pieces of ill-news, the death of my Lord Archbishop of York (at the Bath), which is both a public and private loss, and that the designed church to be built here dwindles, and I verily fear will not be proceeded in: private interest often outweighs the public.

11. Morning, read . . . then walked to Horsford, but missed of Mr. Marsh, yet had the perusal of dear Mr. Kirk's pocket-book, &c.: in return, called at Mr. Moore's, at the forge, where I received several of the painted tiles, wherewith the master artificer's* coffin was covered, that was lately found in the cloisters of the abbey, which garden, &c. were formerly the cloisters, where we viewed the stone coffin.

13. Drawing the coins to be engraved till the funeral of Mr. Hey, sen.: the Vicar preached very well from Psalm vi. 1, 2, showing, 1: that God Almighty doth often in the course of his providence chasten his servants with grievous pains and afflictions, &c.; and gave a just character of the good old gentleman. I was after at cousin Milner's, and with him at the

* This is surely much too hasty a conclusion. It was more probably the coffin of some early benefactor, or of some inhabitant of the monastery.

Mayor's, to set on foot that of the designed church, which seems to flag; but prevented for a meeting with parson Robinson on Tuesday next.

16. Morning, read . . . drawing, &c. till eleven; at church; and after till three; when with the Mayor and Vicar, cousin Milner, cousin Wilson, and Mr. Cookson, at parson Robinson's, who upon application generously promised to endow the new designed church with sixty pounds per annum, which rejoiced my heart. I returned to the vicarage in Alderman Milner's coach, it being the greatest snow, and most winterly day we have had this year, but my heart was warmed, &c.

23. Morning, read and wrote as usual; till ten at church; but much of the afternoon abroad, at Parson Robinson's, &c.; he is so far from receding from what he promised on Tuesday last, that he now promiseth to make it 80*l.* per annum, as the New Church is; after, with Mr. H.

25. Morning, wrote to Parson Jackson about the New Church; then, proceeding in topography till ten; afternoon, had son Ralph's help in collating the print with the manuscript pedigrees.

March 8. Preparing materials to offer to the Chancellor, for I. C., but stayed the sermon Mr. Maud preached; had not time to note the heads, being immediately for a journey with cousin Wilson, with whom I dined, and afterwards rode to York. Memorandum; this day, after sermon, the writings for subscriptions towards building a new church

were read in the vestry; the Mayor subscribed 100*l.* my cousin Milner 200*l.* and others of the Aldermen as much as made it up 580*l.*; the rest is deferred till after the assizes.

9. With cousin Wilson at the Chancellor's, but missed of him, as I did three other times; afternoon, at the Minster prayers, both parts of the day; and after, a little at the Castle, and with Mr. Palmer, who showed me an ingenious engine, of his own invention, whereby he is to convey the water (for Mr. Duncombe, at Helmsley,) eighty yards up the hill, without a water-wheel. Evening, with company at the inn.

10. Morning, then with cousin Milner at the Chancellor's; and after, three times, as yesterday; at Mr. Buxton's, in vain, about Mr. Stretton's business; had company to Tadcaster, but none thence home; endeavoured to improve the solitude; got well home, and found all well there, blessed be my good God.

17. At Alderman Milner's, to enquire what progress is made about the new Church, which, I fear, proceeds slowly.

April 7. Morning, read chapters; finished the perusal of the third part of the Account of the Protestant Missionary's success in converting the Heathens at Malabar. Good Lord grant yet greater success! that the waters of life may spread more and more over the parched wilderness of the Pagans.

8. Read and wrote till ten, when a gentleman

from Lancaster came to see the curiosities; so in the afternoon, Mr. Clayton, from Rochdale, who showed me also some very fine Greek coins, collected at Smyrna, by Mr. Yarborough, late Chaplain to the Company.

9. Again visited by that learned and ingenious gentleman, to whom lent three books relating to the Greek coins.

22. Wrote, &c. till noon; surprised with the death of Mr. James Kitchingham, (the Alderman's eldest son,) in the prime of his days: he was at Hunslet Chapel twice last Lord's day.

25. Die Dom. Morning, read usual chapters; Mr. Lodge preached most ingeniously from Psalm v. 7, showing, 1. what makes a fabric, or building, the house of God, and whether what is so set apart, have a relative holiness in it; what under the Jewish dispensation, and what the Christian; God not circumscribed in the temple, as the idols of the Heathens; yet doth Christ call it his father's house, &c. This cannot be better applied than by munificent contributions to the church, that the noble generosity of two signal benefactors gives us hopes will be shortly erected in this most populous town, where it is so much wanted, to which God grant good success. Afternoon, Mr. Cookson preached very well from 1 Cor. i. 20, showing, 1. the nature and quality of worldly wisdom, how defective it is: 1. as to true riches; 2. exercise of reason; and 3. morality. I afterwards called with the Mayor, cousin Milner, cousin Wilson, and cousin

Atkinson, at the Vicar's, to consult further about the designed new church, for which 800*l.* (within ten) is subscribed; times and persons resolved upon for collecting more subscriptions.

26. Morning, read; was all day within, writing and preparing for a journey; evening, at cousin Wilson's; was glad to hear that 1000*l.* subscriptions towards erecting a new church are completed, to secure the former 500*l.* of Mr. Layton's benefaction.

27. Wrote till eleven, when visited by Mr. Wainwright, of London, about the poor ministers' concerns, and their widows, which took up rest of the day, with visits to Mr. P. and Mr. M. Parson Robinson, our grand benefactor to the church, took leave of them, and of cousin A. and S. in return; was affected to hear of the death of an aged and very pious minister in the neighbourhood, Mr. Bainbridge, of Kippax.

May 1. Concluded an excellent and affecting treatise of the Great Importance of a religious life; was to take leave of one of the religious society, now in embryo, in this town; left four books for their perusal. Lord direct them, and increase their number!

2. Die Dom. Morning, surprised by a message from Wakefield, that the coach could not reach this town, which put me upon a necessity of putting up my clothes, to send by him.

3. Had not time to read, lest I should be too late for the coach; recommended my poor family and

myself to the Divine protection; I had cousin Cockhil's company to Wakefield, where met with Mr. Clapham, vicar of Bradford, whose wife was for London; we afterwards had the company of Mr. Sunderland, of Ackworth, (designed for Sheriff of Yorkshire, the next year) and Mr. Waterhouse; we baited at Doncaster, where I paid old Mrs. Grant 3*l.* for herself, and Mr. Denton, a poor aged minister; we lodged at Barnby-moor.

4. Morning, we dined at Grantham; had the annual solemnity, (this being the first time the coach passed the road in May) of the coachman and horses being decked with ribbons and flowers, the town music and young people in couples before us; we lodged at Stamford, a scurvy, dear town.

5. Had other passengers, which, though females, were more chargeable in wine and brandy than the former part of the journey, wherein we had neither; but the next day,

6, We gave them leave to treat themselves; the coach dining at Oakenbury we missed Huntingdon, but had a prospect of St. Neot's and St. Ives, nigh together; passed through Eaton (which truly answers the name Ea *aqua*) and a low moist country, abounding with willows, of which are made osier baskets, screens, &c. which, with bobbin-lace, seem the chief manufactures of these parts: these parts also abound with barley, which they roll with a large stone, as we do bowling-greens. Near Thamsford (where our Archdeacon Chetwood, Dean of

Glocester, has a pleasant seat) I observed a layer of variously coloured pebbles, &c. three-quarters or a yard below the surface of the earth. I left the coach to seek for fossil shells and formed stones, but could find none in so little time; this afternoon, we arrived safe at our journey's end; was courteously entertained by Mr. Collins, my Gaius, who is writing the History of the Baronets; but was concerned at the bad news concerning the undertaker, Atkins, and my own book; said to be absconded.

7. To Paul's Church-yard; was surprised to find his house disposed of, and his shop to be let; then visited cousin Peters; called in vain, at the printer's and Mr. Bishop's; visited Mr. Sunderland (indisposed after his journey); met with two kind friends, Mr. Chamberlayn and Mr. Newman, in Westminster-Hall, and the Bishop of Carlisle, in the House of Lords.

8. With Mr. Nutt, the printer; heard yet more melancholy tidings from him and Mr. Ross, about Atkins' mismanagement; then waited of the Bishop of Carlisle, where had the like doleful account concerning the public; met there with the ingenious Mr. Madox, (author of the *Formulare*, &c.); then ferried over to Lambeth, was courteously received by Dr. Gibson, with whom stayed much of the day, consulting him about my son Ralph's education at Cambridge, and about this affair of Atkins's; in return, called at Mr. Nelson's and Dean Hicks's, but missed of both.

9. Die Dom. Morning, walked to Petty Frances

(beyond Westminster) to hear the Bishop of Bristol, (as Mr. Chamberlayn expected) but he preaching a charity sermon elsewhere, Dr. Fulk preached very well, from St. Math. iv. I dined with much good company at Justice Chamberlayn's; a Chancellor, Archdeacon, Commissary, D. D. and Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, an Indian Prince, and gentleman of New England; see their autographs in my Album: in my return I found Mr. Boulter, and walked with him from his pleasant lodgings through the Park; had his company till evening.

10. With Mr. Nutt, the printer, and Mr. Rosse about my book; afterwards walked to Shoreditch to J. B.'s, and in return visited Mr. Gill's, in Moorfields.

11. Morning, ... near noon walked to Chelsea, to visit the good old Bishop of Gloucester, who very gladly received me; found there also his son Fowler, and nephew Cookson (our Lecturer), whom he hath preferred to a living of 150*l.* per annum in that diocess. When I durst not promise to go again and dine with his Lordship and stay longer, he importuned me affectionately, "For," saith my lord, "I love such as you." In my return, I visited the ingenious Sir Andrew Fountaine at St. James's; walked thence to Piccadilly, to Mr. Carpenter's the carver's, about the draught of the Queen's statue, which he made for Mr. Milner at Leeds, see other curious workmanship of his in marble and lead.

12. Walked out of town to St. Mary-le-Bone, commonly but corruptly called Marrow-bone, to the en-

graver, Mr. Edwards, who lent me five copper-plates. After return, visited Mr. Hare (Richmond Herald) at the College of Arms, who presented a manuscript and some ancient coins; and then Mr. Faire, an ingenious chymist, who gave me a sapphire of his own making, by additional inventions to Mr. Boyle's; visited there Mrs. Fenton and her daughters. In return, visited cousin Dickenson. Evening, with Mr. Dale and Mr. Gale.

13. Walked to the Parliament-House; spoke to Sir Arthur Kay, who told me that the Marquis of Carmathen, son to the Duke of Leeds, had promised 100*l.* towards erecting our new church. I had also Admiral Fairfax's good company in the lobby of the House. Afterwards, visited Mr. Plaxton till four; at the meeting of the Royal Society, where was read a letter of grand compliments from the Duke d'Aumont, late Ambassador from the French King, upon his admission; Sir Isaac Newton, the President, Mr. Roberts, Sir B. K., present. I met there also with several of my old friend's, Dr. Sloane, Dr. Halley, Mr. Hill, Mr. Waller, Dr. Thorp, Mr. Pettiver, &c.; but I left all to go with Mr. Chamberlayn to Bartlet's-buildings, to the other Society, viz. that for promoting Christian Knowledge, which is to be preferred to all other learning. Dr. Pelling read the prayers before the consultation begun; then were read some pious and very moving letters from corresponding members, relating to charity schools, and other pious designs in distant places, and [illegible]

of collections nearer hand. Resolutions for printing the Bible in Welsh, with a greater number of the New Testament and Prayer-books. I came away with my honoured and pious friend Mr. Nelson. Was after with Mr. Gale and Mr. Nutt.

14. Walked to Westminster, to Mr. Boulter, who had been at my lodgings. Called to visit Mr. Newman, the Secretary at Whitehall; perused the list of the society and subscriptions of the residing members. Evening, called upon by Norroy (just come to town) and Richmond Herald, with whom and other ingenious gentlemen, at their club.

15. Walked to Petty France, as requested by my kind friend Mr. Chamberlayn, where I had most agreeable converse with some learned and pious divines, Dr. Paget, &c., and afterwards with his Excellency the Ambassador from the Emperor of Morocco, a very courteous and comely person, who very readily honoured my album with his motto and seal; Sir John, now Lord, Percival, also, and Mr. Bellers, an eminent quaker, who presented me (as well as the Lord Ambassador) with his essay towards the Improvement of Physic. Afternoon I walked to St. James's, to wait of the truly noble Earl of Pembroke, who not only received me most courteously but extorted a promise to dine with his Lordship on Monday, else he would not show me the additions made to his invaluable museum.

16. Die Dom. Morning, read Dr. Gibson's pious tract; then heard Mr. Newton preach, &c.

17. Walked to St. James's-square to the Earl of Pembroke's, who showed me many noble additions to his Lordship's inestimable collection of ancient medals and moderns; of the extras relating to our own nation, the most extraordinary was of Perkin Warbeck, with Mene Tekel, the year of his landing, &c.; some rare obsidional pieces, and of the plantations, a second and third of New England, to which place also his Lordship ascribes that with N. E. in my collection.* After dinner, Mr. Arundel of Trerice (my Lady's son by her former husband) subscribed in my album. In my return I waited upon the Bishop of Ely, and unexpectedly found him sitting upon the cause betwixt Dr. Bentley (the Master) and the Fellows of Trinity College, Cambridge. I was concerned to hear the opposite counsel cast some harsh reflections upon the Doctor as too imperious, and putting the college to needless expense, though confessedly for the ornament, if not necessary repairs of what he hath no private advantage [in.]

18. About business, and after to visit Mr. Nelson, and the learned Dr. Hicks, who not being at liberty of half-an-hour, I had the benefit of the prayers in the adjoining church, and when his non-juring conventicle was over I visited the said Dean, who is said to be Bishop of . . . . . I went thence, ac-

* He means No. 380 of his English series. *Catalogue of Museum*, p. 371. Thoresby imagined it to be a Newark Siege piece. There is no doubt that it was a New England shilling.

cording to his Lordship's kind invitation, to dine with the Bishop of Ely, and had the opportunity to consult him about my dear son Ralph, whom he would by all means have to be of Clare Hall, for the sake of Mr. Laughton, an incomparable tutor, with whom he intrusted his own son, a hopeful gentleman, who showed me several curiosities and originals in that inestimable library; his Lordship also promised to prescribe for my dear son, and advised to wrap his knees in flannel. I went thence to Clerkenwell, to speak to Dr. Newton, but missed of him, and in my return visited the Bishop of Sarum, who surprised me with the relation of a very unjust censure that had passed upon me, which he expressed much concern for till he perceived the falseness thereof.

19. Morning, walked to Mr. Faire's to Mr. Fenton, with whom, and Mr. Dale, attended the Duke of Norfolk about a lease of the colliery to Mr. A. F.; went thence with Mr. Dale to Mrs. Oglethorpe's about the pedigree of that ancient family she desires to have inserted. After dinner we went to Mr. Anstis's; was this evening mightily surprised with the death of our neighbour the Lord Irwin, (having heard nothing of his illness,) who died yesterday in London, of the small-pox, which have been so fatal to the nobility.

20. With the learned Dr. Smith, (who gave me a kind visit,) who is about publishing an accurate edition of venerable Bede. Near noon I went to hear the Bishop of London preach the charity ser-

mon before an almost innumerable company of poor children, decently clad in various colours, which are Christianly educated and cared for in the several wards of the city, both for soul and body; the Bishop of Bristol, (Dr. Smalridge,) read the prayers, and the Bishop of London preached very well from that of the Evangelist, "Of such is the kingdom of God." With the said Bishops we had also at the annual feast of the Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge, the Bishop of Chichester, (Dr. Manningham,) the King of Prussia's agent, Mr. Nelson, a most useful and excellent member, Sir Richard Hoare, and much good company. I sat betwixt two friends, Justice Chamberlayn and Mr. Shute the treasurers, that made me very easy, though most of the company from various parts of England and Wales were strangers to me. It seemed to me like the primitive Agapæ or Love Feasts, before corrupted. I was afterwards at the Royal Society, where was read a very handsome Latin letter, (penned by Mr. Waller,) in answer to the French ambassador's, &c. I was after at Mr. Nichols the engraver's, and then at Mr. Anstis's, with the Rev. Mr. Holman, V.D.M., who is writing the History of Essex, with whom and Mr. Dale, and Mr. Collins, spent the evening.

21. Morning, with Mr. Dale to meet with the creditors of Mr. Atkins relating to this book: they at first seemed to be hard upon me as to my charges, &c., expecting less; but upon summing

the whole, were more easy, concluding it would heal itself.

22. Morning, at Mr. Anstis's, thence with Mr. Dale to the Duke of Norfolk's; discoursed Mr. Tempest about his pedigree, (the branch of Broughton,) and about Mr. Fenton's lease. Evening, read topography.

23. Die Dom. Morning, read till ten; at the Temple, but a stranger preached for Dr. Sherlock. Afternoon, Dr. Lupton, a Yorkshire author, preached very well at St. Dunstan's, particularly recommending that (charity) of promoting Christian knowledge, pursuant to the Queen's letters.

24. Morning, walked to Mr. Boulter's about the map. We went by water to Fox-hall and the Spring Garden: I was surprised with so many pleasant walks, &c., so near London. After dinner there, we viewed the pottery and various apartments there; was most pleased with that where they were painting divers colours, which yet appear more beautiful, and of different colours when baked. After I parted with my kind friend, I walked to Piccadilly, to Mr. Carpenter's the carver, about the Queen's statue, and thence to Mr. Vertue's about the engraving of it, and found a gross mistake, Mr. Atkins writing 3*l.* for what 8*l.* or 10*l.* is demanded.

25. Morning, reading Sir Abstrupus Danby's manuscript till past ten, when heard Mr. Tong, &c. I was afterwards with worthy Mr. Strype, and subscribed to his Memoirs of Archbishop Whitgift;

afternoon within; saw the public entrance of the Ambassador from the King of Sicily, in her Majesty's royal coach, his own coach of state, with about forty of the nobility and gentry, each with six horses.

26. Morning, at church; then to visit Sir John Rawden and Mr. Prior; after, at Whitehall, with Mr. Secretary Newman, with whom at the Committee for propagating Christian Knowledge, dined with him and the Treasurer, Mr. Shute.

27. Morning, to visit Mr. Brook, who gave me some autographs, with whom also I met with Mr. Whitaker; after, in Moorfields, picked up Psalterium Ungaricum: with cousin Peters to visit cousin Sagar; was concerned to find him an admirer of Whiston:* afternoon, at the Royal Society, but was full late, and stayed little, going with my friend, Mr. Chamberlayn, to the other society, (for Promoting Christian Knowledge) Sir Isaac Newton and Robert Nelson, Esq. filling the chairs; there were greater numbers of learned and pious men at both places, than I have often seen at the weekly meetings of either society.

28. Visited Mrs. Fenton and son, Mr. Faire, an ingenious artist, who presented me with three artificial gems, an emerald, sapphire, and amethyst, of his own invention, and also a box of his admirable Anti-scorbutic Elixir, which is famous, having done

* Arian opinions were then rapidly making their way in the Dissenting ministry. Mr. Sagar was son to the late minister at Wakefield: himself educated for the Dissenting ministry, but conformed, and had preferment in the church at Salisbury.

much good. I walked thence to Hackney, to visit the pious Mr. Mathew Henry, at whose house I found also Dr. Beard, noted for the art of memory; I spent three or four hours very agreeably, and returned by Bethnall-green, to visit Mr. Moreland, F.R.S., and nephew to Sir Samuel, but stayed not long, being to meet with Bishop and Mr. Hoole about Atkins, who yet appears not; was perplexed about that affair. I was after with Mr. Dale and Downs at the cyder-house.

29. With Mr. Dale to visit Mr. Bryan Fairfax; and in return, called to see Mr. Wanley, at the Lord Treasurer's inestimable library, who showed me several volumes of original letters of kings and princes, with learned authors; also some very rare manuscripts, amongst which, the Gospels in capital letters, most remarkable; after dinner, we visited the Bishop of Carlisle, and in our return, Sir Abstrupus Danby, who entertained us most generously, and (which I valued even above the Palm-wine) most agreeably with many ancient writings, (which we collated with the transcripts) and many volumes of his transcripts, of Mr. Dodsworth's manuscripts, and other valuable records and manuscripts at Oxford, London.

30. Die Dom. Heard Dr. Clark; I dined at the Duke of Norfolk's with Mr. Tempest, Mr. Dale, &c. when I left unawares, and went to church.

31. At the Heralds' office, and to visit Mr. Le Neve, Norroy, till noon; transcribed some things

relating to Leeds, from some manuscripts he lately purchased; afternoon, within writing, taking account what coats-of-arms are engraved and printed, and what not.

June 1. Then, according to appointment, walked to Westminster, to the Bishop of Carlisle, by whose instance I had the sight of the Records of the House of Lords, (in the office kept by Mr. Fitzgerald,) from Henry the Seventh to the present. I saw also the dead warrant, subscribed by Bradshaw, Grey, (father to the Earl of Stamford,) Oliver Cromwell, and too many others, for the execution of King Charles the First, Jan. 30, 1648, together with the original trial; for which the land yet mourns: it was not subscribed by General Fairfax, as has been pretended. Lord lay not that grievous sin to the charge of the innocent posterity of any that did, who justly abhor it! Visited Mr. Bennet, of Colchester, who is writing a treatise upon the Thirty-nine Articles, collating all the manuscript and ancient printed editions; and thence to visit Mr. Bosville, an obliging person, sadly afflicted with the gout; was afterwards introduced by the Bishop of Carlisle to his Grace the present Archbishop of York, as was also Mr. Le Neve, Norroy. In my return from the House of Lords and Commons, I visited Sir John Rawden, (with whom I dined,) and Mr. Prior, about a manuscript of Sir G. R.'s exploits.

2. At church; then walked to Bloomsbury, to Mr. Wotton's, who showed me several curiosities, and gave me some, particularly a small shred of the

silk shroud of King Edward the Confessor, cut off when the coffin was accidentally broke, (by fall of a pole,) at the coronation of King James the Second, from whom was taken a gold chain and crucifix, (taken out of the said coffin at the same time,) when he was rifled at his abdication. I transcribed a Privy Seal of King Edward for "Rauff Thorysby," for his service at Barnetfield.

3. Writing pedigree of Oglethorp till past six; read rest of Mr. Ockley's account of the authority of the Arabic manuscripts, in answer to Whiston, which is a judicious, though small tract: four, at the Royal Society, and thence with Mr. Chamberlayn, to the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, in both which several learned and pious matters were discoursed. I met with our very learned countryman, Dr. Bentley, at the former, who gave me very frankly his motto in my travelling album.

4. Walked to take leave of Mr. Penrise; stayed a little at Mr. Wiat's; was after at Mr. Nutt's, and put in hopes of Mr. Atkins's speedy arrival. Afternoon, writing till evening, to wait upon my Lord Chief Justice Parker, who received me most kindly; advised me as to Atkins; presented me his lovely picture, done by Mr. Vertue, &c.

5. At church, the Princess Sophia was omitted, news having arrived yesterday that the said pious and most excellent Princess died suddenly of an apoplexy, in the eighty-fourth year of her age; was after at Sir John Rawden's, and at my dear friend's,

Mr. Chamberlayn, where I met with much good company, the Emperor of Morocco's ambassador, the Bishop of Bangor, Mr. Jones, the ambassador's interpreter, &c.. My friend showed me the specimen lately received from beyond sea, of his noble design of the edition of the Lord's Prayer, in two hundred languages: this is engraved in a copper-plate, in the Chinese character, with the interpretation.

6. Die Dom. I went to the Bishop of Ely's; I received the blessed Sacrament from my Lord; I would not stay dinner there, nor go to Mr. Fairfax's, (the Parliament-man,) but came home. I was at the evening prayers at St. Dunstan's; rejoiced that the Elector of Hanover was publicly inserted in the prayers.

7. Morning, writing till ten; visited by the very obliging Sir Abstrupus Danby, about the plate he designs to present of the arms, formerly in the windows of the parish church of Leeds, relating to that and other ancient families.

8. Morning, at Mr. Le Neve's, transcribing from his manuscripts somewhat relating to that branch of our family, which removed into Essex and Norfolk.

9. Morning, wrote a little, till sent for by the Committee and Secretary of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge; then to dine with the King-at-Arms, Mr. Le Neve: afterwards, with Mr. Wanley, (keeper of the Lord Treasurer's inestimable library,) and Mr. Kempe, who hath a noble collection of deities, altars, &c.

10. At the weekly meeting of the Royal Society, into which the Emperor of Muscovy himself desires to be admitted, if any crowned heads had been of it, as King Charles and King James had been, but he being a foreign Prince, it could not be determined without the Queen's special approbation. Dr. Douglas showed his plates, curiously engraved, relating to anatomy; but I left them, and went with Mr. Chamberlayn to the quest-house at St. Dunstan's, where the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge do at present meet; Sir George Wheeler, Mr. Nelson, and several other learned and pious gentlemen and divines, were present. The matter of the Secretary's (my friend, Mr. Newman's,) removal from Whitehall to the Temple, was argued, and so that of their weekly meetings from the Bishop of London's, (because of its distance,) to Lincoln's Inn: I never heard a matter (wherein the Society was divided,) argued with more temper and decency.

11. At church and printer's; then writing till noon: afterwards walked out of town to Mr. Edwards the engravers'.

12. Morning . . . walked to Gresham College to my visit my old friend, Dr. Woodward, who showed me several valuable curiosities and antiquities: then at Mr. Bowles's about the Queen's statue to be engraved; bought the print of that at St. Paul's, which seems to fall short of what Mr. Milner hath nobly presented to Leeds; though wearied, yet walked after-

wards to Hyde Park, to Mr. Carpenter's, who made that for cousin Milner.

13. Die Dom. Morning, concluded Mr. Shute's discourse of the necessity of public worship, and just rebuke of some miscarriages therein, given me by his pious uncle the Rev. Mr. Shute, the treasurer: called upon cousin Peters to walk to Kensington, but stayed near two hours, that we were forced to take coach and yet were too late: the Bishop of Bath and Wells (Dr. Hooper), preached excellently from John ii. from that of our Saviour to his mother, Woman, &c., very well observing the arrogance of the papists in adoring the Virgin; and also (from the text itself) the folly of such who pretend to know more of God than himself hath revealed; supposed in reproof of Dr. Clarke, of St. James's, suspected of Arianism. Afternoon, Mr. Wotton, chaplain to the Countess of Winchelsea, discoursed excellently of the Divine love; I was much pleased. Dined with him at cousin Hough's, who is much better of the hyps.

14. At church; then to visit Mrs. Barker, returned from the Bath, and the Bishop of Ely about my concerns . . . walked thence to Mr. Sturt, the engraver's, about the Queen's statue, and Mr. Thoresby's monument . . . Afternoon within, writing; was at Mr. Bowles's, the print shop. Evening, with Mr. Dale and Mr. Gale; fell into a dispute about religion, that had no effect but to exasperate one another's spirits; their reflections upon the Dissenters first, and after, upon such as I esteem the most pious and

orthodox part of the Established Church (as snap-jacks, &c. for prayer before sermon) being very disagreeable, especially when some in company (who had denied there was any true worship of God amongst the Presbyterians) owned there was in the Papists.

15. . . . Received from Mr. Newman a Malabar letter, wrote per T. (a convert) at London; met with notice of Mr. Atkins's being in town . . . dined at the Bishop of Ely's; saw more rarities in his invaluable library; was much obliged to his son, Mr. Dan. Moore.

16. . . . Finished the transcript of the Commissioners return, 1650, about new parish churches, valuations of livings, &c. from the original manuscript lent me by Mr. Le Neve, &c.; then at Mr. Dale's, and got his company to meet Mr. Atkins at Belvidere: he promises fair, if performance be answerable.

17. With Sir Abstrupus Danby about the drawings of Arms for copper-plate; collating the manuscript and my transcript till four at the Royal Society, and after at the Quest-house at St. Dunstan's with the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, where was somewhat a warmer debate about their weekly meeting.

18. At church; after at the College of Arms to return Mr. Le Neve's manuscript, and about Mr. Dale's concerns; after at the Temple with Mr. Tempest about his pedigree.

19. At Mr. Boulter's, Mr. Bennet's, and Mr. Bosville's; heard of the sudden death of his kinsman,

Justice Bosville of Gunthwait, of four hours' sickness. After, to see cousin Rayner; then at Mr. Chamberlayn's, in Petty France, and Mr. Newman's, at Whitehall. Afternoon, with Mr. Atkins, had also Mr. Hool's and Mr. Dale's company, yet to no purpose, through Mr. Atkins's sottishness.

20. Walked to Durham-yard, in the Strand, to secure Mr. Atkins, with whom walked to St. Mary-le-Bone. I afterwards wrote some epitaphs till Mr. Edwards, the clerk, had dined; then discoursed him a little about the engraving work, and got to London before the prayers began at St. George's. Mr. . . . . the Lecturer, preached very well against the errors of the times, (Dr. Clarke, &c.). In my return, I visited the learned Dr. Hicks, who this day entered upon his 73d year. I learned from Mr. Bennet, of Colchester, that his title is Suffragan of Thetford, in the bishoprick of Norwich; for it being death by the present laws, to confer or receive episcopal ordination without the Sovereign's authority, the nonjuring bishops supplied the defects of the vacant bishopricks, by ordaining suffragan bishops, who have power of ordination, &c. as well as bishops themselves. I there met with the Honourable Mr. Archibald Campbell, who hath a noble collection of Scotch medals in gold.

21. Morning, ... walked to Mr. Atkins's lodging; lost most of the forenoon with him, being at a sad dilemma to get the matter concluded betwixt him and Mr. Nutt, the printer, it being almost im-

possible to keep the one sober (at least capable of business) till the other get out of his bed. Then with the chairman and others of the committee to view the Secretary's new lodgings at the Temple, to give orders about repairs, &c. Afterwards, the Letter to a Corresponding Member was deliberately read over by paragraphs, in order to insert many valuable articles in the new edition.

22. With Mr. Tempest and Mr. Dyneley, at their chambers in the Temple. Dined with the Bishop of Ely; had much good company. Then with the Chancellor of Ely, and Master of Clare-hall.

23. Then to catch Mr. Atkins in bed, else no meeting him. After, with Mr. Ridlesden, from Sir John Ingleby. After dinner, walked to the Earl of Pembroke's, to consult his Lordship about the gold medal sent me by Mr. Boulter, which proves of Joannes Comnenus. My Lord showed me some unics and other valuable curiosities relating to the Greek and Roman libra, &c.

24. With Mr. Tempest, but found him indisposed. After, walked to Bishopsgate-street about the coach for Cambridge. Dined with Mr. R. Dixon; was at the Royal Society; and after, at that for Promoting Christian Knowledge, but somewhat indisposed. Evening, it grew upon me; had a weary night.

25. Morning, I was much better; ventured by water to consult Dr. Gibson at Lambeth, about the book; was then about the arms in our church, as

delineated in the Heralds'-office; and afternoon, met Atkins and others by appointment, to endeavour to compromise the matter; but there was too much heat betwixt Mr. Dale on my behalf, and some of them, that nothing could be determined; only 29*l.* 15*s.*, which they had positively asserted to be part of the copy-money, appeared evidently, by the receipt itself, to be for the 7th books.

26. Morning, retired; then about the sheets printed and manuscripts, computing how much pedigree (at a guinea per sheet) and how much plain (at 15*s.*). After, at Mr. Astley's, directing the rolling-press, and writing directions for the inscriptions upon the plates, for Mr. Edwards to engrave. At Mr. Strut's, about the arms he is to engrave; at Mr. Coats's, the arms-painter; Mr. Nutt's, the printer's, &c.

27. In my walk to Hackney, read Bishop Bull's Pious Companion, &c. Forenoon, Mr. Newcome, Jun. preached. Afternoon, Mr. Carter (Assistant to my friend Mr. Strype, whom I missed of). I dined with the most obliging and pious Mr. Doulins [now Sir Daniel], who told me of the death of my dear friend the Reverend and excellent Mr. Matthew Henry, (who preached on Monday last, and died on Tuesday,) which surprised and afflicted me much for his family's sake, my own, but especially the church of God, wherein he was singularly useful.

28. Morning, writing to Sir Abstrupus Danby,

and computing the printed copy of my book, how much finished, what remains; then at the Committee for Promoting Christian Knowledge, &c.

29. Went with Mr. Dale per water to the famous Cotton Library, where I particularly took notice of the most ancient Pentateuch, the gospels in Greek *literis majusculis*, the Syriack manuscript presented by Archbishop Usher, the Saxon Gospels that the Saxon kings took their coronation oath upon, the Saxon version of Bede, with many volumes of original charters, treaties, autographs, &c., and a manuscript relating to Kirkstal Abbey, but most of it wrote so lately as Henry VIII.'s time, that I took no excerpta. But I was disappointed of seeing the Royal Library, neither Dr. Bentley, nor (it being a holyday) his under librarian being there. I then ferried to Lambeth, but stayed not, Dr. Gibson being gone to the Bishop of Winchester's; in return visited the secretary at Whitehall, perused the original subscription-book of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, to which several learned and pious divines and gentlemen contribute generously, (Mr. Nelson 10*l.*, Mr. Doulins 5*l.* per annum.) After seven at night I walked out of town to Mr. Edwards', at St. Mary le Bon; returned late enough to London, but in an agreeable solitude, singing psalms in the silent fields.

30. Past eleven at the committee; dined with Mr. Doulins, the secretary and treasurer; was after

with Mr. Moore and Mr. Laughton, of Clare-hall, at the Bishop of Ely's.

July 1. Walked to Mr. Atkins in Durham Court, and thence to Whitehall to the secretary's, Mr. Newman's; ferried to Lambeth to consult Dr. Gibson about these wretched printers, and their demands and demurs. After return, writing the additions, &c.; till noon transcribing a memorable discourse betwixt the Lord Lovelace and an Indian about the Christian religion; was at the Royal Society, and after at that for Promoting Christian Knowledge; had Mr. Nelson's and Dr. Chamberlayn's company at both; finished perusal of Bishop Aylmer's Life, wrote by my worthy friend Mr. Strype, who justly represents him as a learned and strenuous defender of the Protestant interest, and particularly the Church of England, against all opponents; the character of his son, Dr. Aylmer, eminent for piety, charity, modesty, &c. was very agreeable.

2. Visited Mr. Bagnall, and dined with him; was after with Mr. Nutt, who at long run yields that I may deduct the premium of 40*l.* out of the latter payment, without any deductions or account, let the event of Atkins's concerns be what they will. Instead of 40*l.* profit, the two journeys cost me above 50*l.** Afterwards wrote till evening: to meet my old friend

* Of the embarrassments attending the publication of the *Ducatus*, the notices in the Diary are not very distinct. It appears by the *Review* that Atkins had received much of the subscription money, and had not advanced to Thoresby a 50*l.* out of it, according to

Dr. Sloane, at the coffee-house of Mr. Miers, who hath a handsome collection of curiosities in the room where the virtuosi meet.

3. Then walked to Mr. Chamberlayn's in Petty France, where met, as usual, with much learned company, but near half a score foreigners; yet missed of him I chiefly wanted, the ambassador from the Emperor of Morocco, upon whom I waited at his own house, and received from his Excellency a Blankelia and copper piece of money of their own country, and Turkish Parra of the new mint. Visited Dr. Hicks and Mr. Wainwright, with the poor ministers' receipts; was after at the Bishop of Ely's and Dr. Wilcock's, late chaplain to the Factory at Lisbon. Finished the perusal of the Arguments of Sir Richard Hutton and Sir George Crooke, two upright judges, with an account of the extra-judicial act of their brethren relating to ship money.

4. Mr. Elstob preached very well, &c. I dined with the learned author and his ingenious sister, who besides the Saxon Homily (to which I have subscribed) hath in the press also a Saxon Grammar.

5. After a weary night, rose by three; walked to Bishopsgate to take coach for Cambridge, was in time, and had the good hap of agreeable converse, Mr. Branthwait and Mr. Dover. We passed through a pleasant country, full of towns, hamlets, and seats

agreement: that Atkins had assigned the property in the books to Nutt: and that there was much 'uncomfortable jarring' with both these persons before any arrangement could be made with them.

of the gentry and citizens, to Epping Forest; thence through Woodford to Bishop Stortford, where we dined; thence by Quenden-street and Newport to Littlebury, but had not time to view the late ingenious Mr. Winstanley's house, or the model of his noted light-house, which was cast down in the dreadful storm, the same night that himself perished in the light-house* itself by the sea. Had a view of Audley-end (much of which is now taken down, but formerly reputed the greatest house in England), and of Saffron-Walden; the country people were planting that valuable crocus; thence over Gog-magog's-hill, (upon the height whereof is an ancient and large camp with a double vallum,) to Cambridge, after a prosperous journey. Escaped a great danger in the town itself, one of the wheels of the coach being just off, and the man driving a full career, as is too usual with them. I made my first visit to Mr. Milner† at Jesus College, and after my return was at a loss for lodging, the worthy hostess having let the room I had agreed for to another for a greater rate, this busy time of the Commencement. Mr. Dover and I went to the Red Lion (Mr. Reyner's, a Yorkshireman), where we fixed.

6. Had Mr. (now Sir William) Milner's company to see the public schools and library, but the then keeper could give me little satisfaction. Then, at the Commencement, at St. Mary's: our countryman

* The Eddistone. † Formerly Vicar of Leeds.

Dr. Edmundson had kept the act yesterday, and Mr. Waterland, Master of Maudlin, did the like to-day. Dr. James, Dr. Edmundson, Dr. Gibbons, and Dr. Sherlock (which three commenced yesterday) were opponents, and Dr. Jenkins (Master of St. John's) was moderator; all performed excellently, and the Prevaricator's speech was smart and ingenious, attended with volleys of hurras: the vocal music, &c. was curious, and after seven or eight hours' stay there, being sufficiently wearied, I went thence to visit Mr. Baker (a learned antiquary), at St. John's, whom I never saw before, though I corresponded with him many years ago. He entertained me most agreeably in the College library with the sight of some valuable manuscripts, printed books, very rare, particularly two translated by their pious foundress, the Countess of Richmond, King Henry VII.'s mother; he gave me an autograph of his Excellency the noted Cardinal Fisher, a native of Yorkshire. I was invited by Dr. Edmundson and Mr. Bennet to the Commencement treat in the College Hall, which I very thankfully embraced, to see the manner of it: the Masters of Arts now commenced waited in their hoods. Dr. Jenkins, the master, sent to invite me afterwards to his lodgings, with Dr. Edmundson and Mr. (now Dr.) Bennet, of Colchester.

7. Early to bespeak a place in the coach, but there was none empty till Friday. Was afterwards to visit Dr. Edwards, a learned and pious author,

though much depreciated by some because of his moderation, for which reason I visited him; he was son of the noted author of the Gangrena, &c. was born at Hertford. I dined at Jesus College with Mr. (Sir William) Milner, had the company of his tutor, Mr. (Dr.) Warren, and Mr. Miers. Was after at Trinity College to visit Dr. Colbatch, Casuistical Professor of Divinity; after prayers in the delicate chapel there, he very courteously showed me the stately library, of which the obliging Mr. Claget is keeper, whose company I also enjoyed. The courteous Professor, Dr. Colbatch, would constrain me to sup with him in the College Hall. I forgot to note that I was at the most stately fabric in the University, *viz.* King's College Chapel, where I got little benefit by the prayers, because of the music and noble architecture, which too much diverted my thoughts.

8. Taking leave of Sir John Rawdon, Mr. Prior, and Mr. Dover; visited Dr. Bentley, Master of Trinity; then at Clare-hall, to visit and consult the famous pupil-monger, Mr. Laughton, to whom I was recommended by the Bishop of Ely; and after, at Queen's College, with the ingenious Mr. Langwith, (a native of York,) recommended by Mr. Baker, of St. John's, and preferred rather than any of his own college. The Lord direct me in this matter of so great concern to the temporal and eternal interest of my son Ralph. Whether Clare Hall or Queen's College, I cannot determine, but look up

to thee to whom future things are present. He entertained me most agreeably before and after dinner, with his own collections of antiquities and natural curiosities, the Materia Medica, &c.; he gave me a small specimen of the Asbestina, or incombustible paper from Hungary; and after accompanied me to Dr. Covel, the master of Christ's College, who having much company, we had not the opportunity of seeing his collections of curiosities; met there also with the Arabic Professor, Mr. S. Ockley, the Lord Treasurer's chaplain; went thence to Mr. Sanderson's apartment, who, though blind, is the celebrated Lucas Professor of the Mathematics, who was born at Peniston, in Yorkshire.

9. Morning, rose before four; then, by the care of Dr. Colbatch, my very kind friend, was placed in one of the three coaches, where I had better company and accommodations; was happy in the ingenious converse of Mr. Worster, of Lewisham, (who understood Saxon and the mathematics, &c.) and his neighbour, Mr. Sherlock, of Deptford, (two ministers,) which made the journey easy and pleasant: observed therein several noblemen's seats, not before mentioned, as the Earl of Orford's, Lord Townshend, Lord North and Grey, Copt-hall, &c. with Sir Gilbert Heathcote's, Sir J. Child's, &c. In this day's journey, we passed through part of the counties of Cambridge, Essex, Hertfordshire, and Middlesex, and arrived safe at our journey's end.

10. Morning, at Mr. Nutt's, printer, and Mr. Ed-

wards', the engraver; then to visit cousin Idle, at the Temple; afternoon, to inquire after the coach for Leeds, but found it taken up for a fortnight.

11. Walked to Dr. Williams' meeting-place, without Bishopsgate, to hear Mr. Boyse preach, but was too late at that remote place, he having taken his text, but preached concerning the Roman Antichrist; comforting sincere believers that the 1260 years are, by the most judicious interpreters, thought to be near expiring; I dined with him and relations at Mr. Fair's. Afternoon, he preached from that of the Apostle to the elect lady, rejoicing to see her children walking in the truth; which he applied, both in reference to the Schism bill, and of such as desert the ways of their pious ancestors, which I was not over fond of, being, I fear, by the generality of the auditory, applied to matters of indifference and less consequence, wherein good men may and frequently do vary, the essentials of religion not being therein concerned.

12. Morning, at the printer's and engraver's; then with Mr. Dale, to visit the ingenious Mr. Rowley, and see the admirable sphere he has made for the Czar of Muscovy, representing the planetary motions, eclipses, &c. after a new method, most accurately and ingeniously; was then at cousin Idle's chambers, in the Temple, to meet Mr. Bridges, who presented some eminent writings; was after with the ingenious Dr. Thorp and Mr. Coats.

13. Morning, walked to Durham-court to Mr. Atkins; called at Mr. Nutt's, found nothing done: after, to Salters' Hall; I there met with Mr. Coningham, who gave me his Reformation Sermon; I called at the Bishop of Sarum's, and was extremely concerned at the unjust, as well as uncharitable censure, that some had passed upon me; and his Lordship was too credulous in believing that I was become a rank Tory, denied salvation to any out of the Church of England, and was a violent prosecutor of the Dissenters, and other abominable untruths, contrary to my real judgment and practice, who hate persecution, yet would he not hear my defence. I was much troubled till I met with good old Mr. Strype, who told me it was his Lordship's blind side, and that there are many instances of his too great easiness in receiving false rumours; that himself lay under his unjust displeasure for a long time. I was with Atkins, and found another intrigue that I suspect is roguish, he denying the thirty copies I am to have, till I prove it under his own hand.

14. Called upon by Mr. Boulter; coached it to the Tower; then took boat; coasted by St. Catherine's, Wapping, Shadwell, Radcliff, Limehouse, Poplar, and down to Blackwall, where we had a view of the turn of the river Thames; we called at the Isle of Dogs, to see the skeleton of a whale, forty-eight yards long, and thirty-five round: upon the Southwark side, we had St. Olave, Horsly Down, Redriff,

or Rotherhithe, Cuckold's Point, Deptford, and Greenwich, where we landed and viewed first the new church, now building, which is a most noble one, with pillars in the front, like that of Covent Garden, but much more stately: the old steeple remains, but the church fell down in the morning, in the evening of which same day was to have been a sermon preparatory to the Sacrament, whereby the watchful Providence of a merciful God preserved the lives of his servants. We walked into the Park, which is most pleasant, to the Astronomical House upon the height of all, the inscription whereof I took in my dearest father's company, anno 1677, (vide vol. i. of Inscriptions,) but missed of Dr. Flamstead, the famous astronomer, who was gone to London. We viewed the Royal Hospital, fitter, indeed, for a Royal residence, than poor mariners, &c.: the hall is admirably painted, by Mr. Thornhill; (an Englishman, but that he was related to the Yorkshire family of that name, I could not learn;) in the centre of the oval, upon the roof, are the pictures of King William and Queen Mary, with the Liberal Arts, &c. All the several apartments of the said ceiling are delicately performed: amongst the Astronomers is Dr. Flamstead, with the scheme of an almost total eclipse of the sun, with the date April 22, 1715: of the other inscription, see my present Collection. We went thence by water to Deptford, where another new church is building: we were very civilly treated

at Mr. Sherlock's, (the minister,) where I met also, by appointment, with my dear friend, the ingenious Mr. Worster, minister of Lewisham; adjoining, in the cemetery of the old church, is a monument of a remarkable form: see the inscription in my Collection, as also that upon the front of the finest charnel-house that ever I beheld, built of late years by Mr. Loader, (our fellow-traveller from Cambridge,) who had laid a kind obligation upon Mr. Sherlock not to deliver me the fragment of the Royal Escape, (a small fishing-smack, wherein King Charles the Second, after his miraculous deliverance at Boscobel, escaped beyond sea, which is now repairing at Deptford, by public order,) till I visited him at his pleasant habitation. The gardens are surprisingly fine and large: there are of the said Mr. Thornhill's paintings in the Bagnio, and other garden-houses; for there are many of them, and of various forms, in the gardens, which contain six acres of ground. He showed me some Roman coins, of Antoninus Pius, &c. and urns, dug up in the gardens, and gave me a fragment of one: the grotto is entertaining, made of his own cinders, (when anchor-smith to King William and Queen Mary,) intermixed with plenty of curious and large shells, the auris marina, and other productions of the sea. Discourse upon the Royal escape, occasioned another, of King Charles the First, which I had a mind to hear from the daughter of the party immediately concerned. Mr. Worster accompanied

me to her, who told the history, with many circumstances, the chief whereof are, that her mother, Mary Baily, of Deptford, after she had been twelve years blind by the king's-evil, was miraculously cured by a handkerchief, dipped in the blood of King Charles the First: the attested narrative is to be reprinted shortly by Mr. Watts, of London. After a very courteous entertainment by Mr. Loader, we returned late enough, by water, but had a good voyage.

15. Morning, perusing papers till noon; after dinner walked to Mr. Boulter's, to get his assistance, to conclude, if possible, the affair with Mr. Atkins and Mr. Nutt, but found very strange, or rather downright unjust practices, denying 30*l.* till I proved it under his hand, &c.; after, with Dr. Thorp and Mr. Coats.

16. Morning, went to Mr. Cookson's, found Atkins' receipt for 10*l.*, which will help to bear charges; thence to visit Mr. Preston, and found there had been a lamentable fire last night in that neighbourhood, near forty houses burnt. I walked from Mr. Fair's, in Queen-street, near Cheapside, to the Haymarket, beyond Charing-cross; paid 4*l.* for coach-hire for the Hunslet family and myself; afterwards accounting with Mr. Atkins by ourselves alone, he was somewhat better conditioned, and confessed his errors, acknowledged the thirty books and 10*l.* (towards charges.) Evening, with Dr. Sloane.

17. Walked to Queen-square, to take leave of the celebrated Mr. Nelson, where I met also with Mr. Spinkes, another noted author; afternoon, with Mr. Nutt and Mr. Atkins, who were more inclined to peace and justice; so that we came to a conclusion, and subscribed the accounts and papers.

18. Mr. Croft, jun. called upon me about five, and we walked to the Bishop of London's seat at Fulham. Dr. Dwite preached very well in the forenoon; afternoon, Mr. Crofts preached excellently. Afterwards, viewed the church, and monuments, of which a stately one for the Earl of Peterborough, with his statue to the full proportion, standing, in white marble,—a flat marble for Bishop Henchman, which I transcribed, as far as was legible for dust, and Mr. Winter's; but the most noted is a short and modest one for the late Bishop of London, in the church-yard. I afterwards enjoyed Mr. Croft's and his pupil's pleasing converse a little, and returned in the cool of the evening, well satisfied with my ten miles' walk.

19. Walked to Petty France, to procure some franks from Sir Bryan Stapleton; in my return through St. James's Park, Mr. Boulter spied me, and called me to his chambers, and having now fixed upon his journey, kindly invited me to accompany him in his coach to Yorkshire. I went accordingly to the stage coach, and relinquished my place there, at the loss of 10*s.*; in return, visited cousin Peters,

paid her 6*s.* 6*d.*, which, with two guineas paid before, is full for Grace's furbelow scarf, gloves, &c.; afternoon, to acquaint Mr. Boyse with my going in Mr. Boulter's coach, and with him visited Mr. Tong; was after at Mr. Sturt's and Mr. Dale's. Evening, with Dr. Sloane, Dr. Harris, (the physician,) and Dr. Frank, at Miers's coffee-house; had very agreeable converse.

20. Morning, was at Mr. Boulter's, and the stage coach; determined that business. Was full late at Salters'-hall, where Dr. Williams was preaching against apostacy and popery. Was, after dinner, with the ingenious Mr. Worster, of Lewisham, and Mr. Ditton, the discoverer of the new method of finding out the longitude; then Mr. Edwards, the engraver, came to show me a proof of the table of medals. Was after with Mr. Gale, to see the chapel at Somerset-House, now happily used (the crucifix above the altar being taken away) by the Protestants. Walked in the gardens, where is a pleasant prospect by the Thames; viewed the Bishop of London's apartment there.

21. Till past two engaged in correcting a sheet for the press, and the table of medals, which was tedious; then walked to Hackney, to visit the family of the late pious and excellent Mr. M. Henry, and hope that his Memoirs will be published from his Diary, and the last volume of his Practical Paraphrase upon the Bible from his manuscript notes.

Took leave of his sorrowful widow and hopeful son.

22. At the Heralds'-office, the engraver's, and the printer's: then proceeding in my work at home till four; dressed to attend the Royal Society (which now adjourned as annually), and that for Promoting Christian Knowledge. Had much good company and ingenious at each place; and my two honoured friends, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Chamberlayn, at both: was with the Secretary (Mr. Newman) at his new lodgings in the Temple. After, wrote to Oxford, and my dear.

23. Received a kind visit from the learned and ingenious Mr. Derham, with a most acceptable present of his Physico-Theology, preached at Mr. Boyle's Lectures; then within, preparing a sheet and correcting papers till afternoon; visited cousin Walker, at Gray's-Inn, and Mr. Gowland, about the Lord Wharton's Bibles for the poor. Was at Ely-house, and much troubled to find the good Bishop so weak. After, with Mr. Edwards, the engraver.

24. Morning, was at the printer's, then walked to Petty France, to take leave of my kind friend Justice Chamberlayne; took the inscription upon his famous predecessor's picture, who first brought watches and coaches into England. Met, as always, with much learned company there, foreigners and others. Afternoon, writing and making additions to the Catalogue of Antiquities. Walked to Dean

Hicks's, to consult Sir Andrew Fountain of the Saxon coins. Evening, with Dr. Sloane, at Mier's coffee-house.

25. Mr. Newman preached very well from that in Genesis, concerning Joseph's brethren, raising many doctrinal notes, &c. I dined with Mr. Plaxton and his aged grandmother, who, in the ninety-first year of her age, can see to read a written letter without spectacles, and also to thread a very small needle, as I saw her do it last Friday, and keep it as a curiosity; walked with her son to Bloomsbury Chapel, where Paul Bachiler preached very well from Joshua xxiv. 15. Evening, Mr. Watts preached a preparatory sermon, &c.; was after unwillingly engaged with Mr. D. and Mr. C. unsuitably to the day, and, in return, lost a silk handkerchief, a just punishment for unsuitable discourse.

26. All day within, proceeding in my work till four; at the printer's and engraver's: then at Christ's Hospital, and spent the evening agreeably with the ingenious Mr. Ditton, (teacher of the mathematics there,) who presented me his new method of finding the longitude, for which discovery is a public reward by Act of Parliament. Had also the company of Dr. Hancock, (who hath writ several tracts in divinity against Dr. Hicks and Whiston, and seems a moderate and pious divine,) and dear Mr. Worster, of Lewisham, a most ingenious person, of whom I took leave.

27. Morning, walked to have secured my place in the coach for a friend, but in vain. Met the solemn funeral of the late Lord Chief Baron Ward, whose corpse was to be carried to Northamptonshire, near Oundle. After heard Mr. Robinson, who preached well from John v. 19. showing, 1. That as good men are of God, &c. In return, had good Mr. Strype's company. Paid my subscription for Archbishop Whitgift's Life, and he gave me an autograph of the famous Beza. Evening, to take leave of Mr. Boyse and Mrs. Fenton.

28. Walked to Sir Bryan Stapleton for franks, and visited Dr. Calamy, who acquitted himself from the false imputation that the Bishop of Sarum had received of me, but owned I had many enemies, Then visited Mr. Boulter, who desired my company to take the air with him in his chariot; but from Kensington (whither I only designed) the pleasantness of the country, the weather, and way, &c. tempted him to proceed by Acton, Sion-house, and Thistleworth, to his favourite place Richmond, where we walked to view several pleasant prospects and seats of the nobility and gentry, the ancient palace where several of the Royal Family were born, and some died, as Queen Elizabeth, &c. The Duke of Ormond's seat was particularly charming; the house, gardens, avenues, with the park and river adjoining. After dinner, we returned the other road; and from the height of the town had a most noble prospect of the

city of London on the one hand, and on the other a most delightful view of the Thames, with islands, woods, corn, meadows, intermixed with the seats of the nobility (the Earl of Rochester's, &c.) and gentry. We returned through a pleasant and populous country, Mortlake, Putney, Wandsworth, Barn Elms, to Lambeth, whence we ferried over to Hungerford Stairs; in the Strand parted with my kind friend. After, to mitigate the pleasure, met with a huff from Mr. D., in reference to the printer, for what I could not possibly effect.

29. At church. After, at the printer's in the Savoy, and proceeding in my book till four: at the Royal Society, according to summons, to elect Prince ———, and other Fellows. The Emperor of Muscovy himself desired to be admitted, but being a foreign crowned head, it could not be without special licence of her Majesty, whereupon it was thought more convenient to compliment him with that of this Prince, the next him in power, &c. I was after with the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, at their new apartment at Lincoln's-Inn, (No. 6, in Serle's-court). After the business was over, I looked at the curious and noble models of many churches proposed to be built; this pleasant room being that where the Commissioners meet upon that account in the forenoons, (as the Bishop of London, Mr. Nelson, &c. did this day) and this Society in the afternoons. Memorandum, this was a most se-

vere stormy day, with wind and rain. Captain Kay was coming to take leave of me, but seeing several coal vessels and other boats sunk before him, ordered them to land him at the next stairs, and at Mr. Anstis's, whose house stands close by the Thames. It is positively said there was no tide this day, which was looked upon as ominous. Evening, with Mr. Dale and Mr. Collins.

30. Was at the printer's and Heralds'-office, upon the same account; when was sadly surprised with the lamentable news of the Queen's death, who was seized with an apoplectic fit in the night, and was speechless three hours, and thought to be dead, but was, by Dr. Mead's cupping, &c. brought to her speech. She continued very weak, and was frequently reported to be dead, to the great terror of all good men of whatever denomination, as expecting nothing but confusion, and the effusion of much Christian blood before the matter can be brought into the former state, by reason of the absence of the Elector of Brunswick, and the dreaded invasion of the Pretender with an army of French and Irish. I was deeply concerned at this matter, and so were most persons, as was evident by their very countenances. The Lords of the Council sent to the Lord Mayor, &c. to take special care of the City; the trained bands were immediately raised, and a triple guard sent to the Tower.

31. Morning, very solicitous about her Majesty,

who some say is much better, and others that she died at eleven; but most fear that a few hours will terminate the life, upon which the fate of this sinful kingdom seems to depend. She was living, and prayed for at St. Paul's this afternoon; and no certainty of its being otherwise at eleven at night. This day, my good old friend the Bishop of Ely departed this life, which is a public loss to the church of God, as well as private disappointment to me, in respect of his interest in the College. But the public concerns of the nation drown all others.

August 1. Walked to the west-end of the town, designing for my friend Mr. Chamberlayne, who being in waiting, was most likely to give certain intelligence concerning her Majesty; but at Mr. Boulter's met with a message from the Duke of Ormond, that she died at forty minutes past seven. Then walked a little farther to hear Dr. Calamy, who preached excellently from that of the Evangelist St. John—"This is life eternal, to know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ," &c. Showing, 1st. That this knowledge must be transforming; notional knowledge avails nothing, saving knowledge will transform into his likeness;—2nd. Fiducial;—3rd. Certain, not wavering;—and 4th. Progressive. He also prayed very well, and which, I must own, pleased me, concluded with the Lord's Prayer. Dined at Madam Boulter's, because she was angry that I had not visited her before, and then walked with Mr. Boul-

ter to Mr. Woodrove's, to see the solemnity of the proclamation of the new King; it was mightily to the satisfaction of all people, that there was not only the chief ministers of State (Lord Chancellor, Treasurer, &c.) and Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs of London, but the greatest concourse of the nobility in their coaches that was ever known, with the Bishop of London, &c. of the clergy. Blessed be God for so promising a token of good to this nation!

2. At the prayers at St. Dunstan's, where King George was prayed for: the Lord make his reign long and prosperous to these nations! Writing till noon, when visited by Mr. Wainwright, with news of the Duke of Marlborough's arrival, which was agreeable, because of a supposed descent of the Pretender, with a force of French and Irish.

3. Finished my transcript of the minutes of the Royal Society for the three months since my arrival here. Till seven at church; then at the Savoy printer's, and writing till ten. Mr. Tong preached excellently, &c. Evening, troubled to hear two ingenious gentlemen arguing not only against councils, fathers, and antiquity, but Scripture itself, in my opinion, in defence of Dr. Clarke's heterodox opinions concerning the Divinity of our blessed Saviour, &c.

4. Morning, at the printer's correcting a sheet; rest of the day proceeding in my work, till inter-

rupted by Atkins, who was drunk in passion as well as liquor. This afternoon the Duke of Marlborough returned from beyond sea, passed through the city in great state, attended by many hundreds of gentlemen on horseback, and several of the nobility in their coaches, the trained bands, &c. attending.

5. At the printer's, &c.; then at cousin Peters', met with Mrs. . . . . ., daughter of good old Mr. Tildsley, of Manchester, with whom had agreeable converse concerning Bishop Wilkins, her father's friend, &c.; then writing, till near five, at the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. There not being much to do, had more time afterwards to view the curious models of the various churches designed or proposed to be built.

6. At church; the Savoy printer's; then with Mr. Collins, at Covent-garden, in vain, but afternoon met with Mr. Thomas, a modest and ingenious man, who showed me very rare manuscript pedigrees of the English and Welsh nobility and gentry, descended from the kings and princes of North and South Wales. I walked thence to the Lady Cavendish's, in Soho-square, to visit Mr. Fairfax's ingenious and pious daughter. Was also with Mr. Wotton, in Bloomsbury, who gave me some noted autographs.

7. Morning, at the printer's; then within, the whole day, proceeding in my book. Evening with Mr. Dale.

10. Die Dom. Morning, wrote in Diary, read in Mr. Derham's sermons. Mr. Bradbury preached very fluently from Genesis xxii. concerning Abraham's building the altar and laying the wood thereupon, in order to offer up his only son Isaac, the faith of Abraham, &c.; raising some political observations, as well as religious, concerning the power of the Father in civil affairs, passive obedience, &c. and blaming such as he supposed to go out of the way of their duty in religious affairs, to serve the ends of Providence. After dinner at Mr. Dale's, went to the Heralds'-church, where their Scotch minister, Mr. Middleton, preached from that of our Saviour's act of compassion in St. Matthew, in raising the widow's son. Took occasion to praise the deceased Queen and the new King, but I was too heavy in the more practical part of the discourse, so walked after to Salters' Hall, to hear the evening lecture; found it so crowded as is scarce credible, in expectation it seems of Mr. Bradbury, who preached the forenoon sermon verbatim.

9. Morning, at church; after at the Savoy; then within, writing, till past two; with Mr. Boulter and his cousin Lloyd till evening.

10. Corrected two proof sheets for the presses, till past ten; Mr. Fleming preached well concerning the mercy of God, that it should lead to repentance; and, in the conclusion, took occasion to expatiate in praise of King George, but cautioning, that by sin

we forfeit not the mercy, as the Jews did Josiah. Afterwards, wrote to Mr. Strype, visited Mr. Robinson and Walton, till three; walked to Kensington; rejoiced to find cousin Hough so much better; wrote Mr. Courten's epitaph, (commonly called Mr. Charlton, of the Temple, where he had a noble collection of curiosities, which he showed me, *ast morti hæc non sunt curæ;*) in my walk, read the new edition of the Letter from a residing member of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge in London, to a Corresponding Member in the Country, with considerable additions.

11. Morning, all day within, close at work; made tolerable progression.

12. Morning, at the press; afterwards, writing till past noon; walked beyond St. James's, but missed of Mr. Molesworth; was after at Lincoln's Inn, where was a full Society, &c.

13. Morning, all day within, proceeding in my work.

14. Morning, walked to Duke-street, to wait of my old friend Mr. (now Lord) Molesworth, and his two memorable sons, the elder just returned from the Great Duke of Tuscany, to whom he was her Majesty's Envoy, (as his father was from King William to the King of Denmark;) and the younger (the Colonel) is famous for remounting the Duke of Marlborough, to the great hazard of his own life, in the battle: was very courteously received, both by

the father and the sons, at their several apartments. I afterwards walked through St. James's Park, to Justice Chamberlayn's, where met with variety of good company and learned men, &c. Walked thence with Mr. Shute, to the new church, building beyond Westminster; upon my return, went to Ely House, to acquaint my Lady with a house, (near the Park,) as she desired; after dinner there, and discourse with my friend, Mr. D. More, (the second son of the late excellent Bishop, who was born in Leicestershire;) visited afterwards Richard Waller, Esq. Secretary of the Royal Society; found him making two experiments; he showed me some curious drawings and manuscripts, of his own performance; returned well wearied. I forgot to state the great satisfaction I had in conversation with the most pious Mr. Boehm, Chaplain to the late Prince George, a most devout man, always in a heavenly disposition; after, in company of Dr. Bradford, of St. Mary-le-Bow, Dr. Hancock, Mr. Mayo, and Mr. Watts, pious divines, &c.

15. Was concerned in private meditation, to consider that this is the last day of six-and-fifty years that I have most unprofitably spent; and so as I am able to give but a sorry account of, not only with respect of this world, but, which is more lamentable, in respect of that to come. A stranger preached for cousin Hough, who is somewhat indisposed. My Lord Chief Justice Parker sent to desire (our) com-

pany to dinner; cousin durst not go, but I went after dinner. My Lord, after a little general discourse and civilities, read most of an excellent sermon, which was most moving, especially as accented by the incomparable Lord Chief Justice, a most devout as well as learned and ingenious gentleman.

16. Morning, close at work till seven; at prayers, and designed the whole day for a vigorous prosecution of the work, which was done accordingly.

17. Morning, correcting a sheet from the press, and preparing others all day, except when visited by worthy Mr. Strype, to whom I lent a letter, subscribed by Abp. Whitgift, (whose life he is writing,) and rest of Queen Elizabeth's Privy Council.

19. Morning, walked to Westminster, to see the royal vault, where the late Queen's corpse is to be deposited; but there being such crowds, I spent two hours in viewing the monuments, and transcribing some of them I had not seen before; as the Marquis of Halifax and his daughter-in-law, &c.; and after, got in, not without difficulty: it was affecting to see the silent remains of the great monarchs King Charles the Second, King William and Queen Mary, and Prince George, next whom remains only one space to be filled with her late Majesty Queen Anne, where her bowels are already deposited, in a little box, as the rest, covered with velvet, and adorned with silver plates, nails, hesps, gilt, &c.: this sight was the more affecting to me,

because, when young, I saw in one balcony six of them, that afterwards were Kings and Queens of Great Britain, all brisk and hearty, but now all entered upon a boundless eternity. There were then present King Charles and Queen Katherine, the Duke of York, Prince and Princess of Orange, and Princess Anne. I was afterwards at the meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; and after a little, at the Grecian Coffee-house, with Sir Isaac Newton, Dr. Sloane, the two Secretaries, &c. of the Royal Society, but stayed little.

20. Forenoon, transcribing Dr. Hicks's Addenda for the press, till noon, when Mr. Boulter called, and took me in his coach to Hampstead, where we dined with his mother; and after viewing that pleasant town, and taking a view of the country from the hill beyond it, we took a tour to Highgate, Mussel Hill, and other country villages, and a pleasant country, and returned by Islington and Newington home again.

22. Two strangers preached at St. Dunstan's, and both, Queen's sermons: Dr. Warfs,* in the afternoon, was particularly very moving, both as to his character of her Majesty's piety, charity, and conjugal affection, wherein she was singular, superior only in the throne. Afterwards, heard part of a sermon, at the outside of Salters'-hall, where were numbers of persons to hear the popular Mr. Bradbury.

* Probably Dr. Waugh, afterwards a Bishop.

24. Morning, writing till past ten; heard part of Mr. Fleming's historical sermon at Salters'-hall, enumerating the wonderful deliverances that God has been pleased to vouchsafe to his servants in this nation, from the Reformation to this day: some of the latter notes were thought less charitable, with respect to her late Majesty; that she died the first of this month, when the Schism Bill commenced, and is to be buried this day, the fatal Bartholomew: he vindicated the Revolution totally, and spoke very honourably of the present King and Royal Family, the Princess refusing, for conscience sake, to marry the Emperor.

25. Morning, ...; all day within, writing.

26. Morning, ...; at work till near three, when visited by Mr. Wotton; till five, at Lincoln's Inn, with Mr. Nelson, Mr. Chamberlayn, and Mr. Shute, &c.

27. Except morning and evening at church, was not so much as at the door all day, being busy making a new index, &c.

28. Prosecuting the index all day.

29. Walked to my dear friend's, Mr. Doulins, at Hackney; but Mr. Newcome preached not, though a stranger did very well, &c.; afternoon, my good old friend, Mr. Strype, prayed and preached excellently. I was most kindly received, and mightily pleased with Mr. Doulins's happy, loving, and pious family.

30. Proceeded in my tedious index, which kept me fully employed all day.

31. Morning, walked to St. James's Park, but missed of Mr. Boulter; visited Mr. Kay; called at Mr. Pingo's, the engraver's, and at Mr. Nutt's, the printer's; found all at a stand, through the indisposition of Mr. Addison, the compositor; then walked to Salters'-hall, where Dr. Calamy preached excellently, from Haggai ii. 7: showing, 1. That when nations shake, God is the main agent, and is more to be regarded than all common causes: 2. A sinful nation need not wonder at its being shaken: 3. Such shakings of nations are to be minded by such as are due observers of God's providences: 4. God is to be looked to for settlement after shaking: 5. When God will shake nations, he never wants instruments: 6. For several nations to be shaken at once, or successively after each other, must be an affecting thing: 7. All the shakings of the nations will issue in good for the church. Let us therefore observe, 1. How all nations have been shaken, not a country in Europe hath escaped: 2. The likelihood of some considerable consequence of such a general shaking, perhaps the fall of Antichrist, which cannot be far off: 3. In all shakings, Almighty God will take care of his own interest: 4. Let Britain improve all our shakings; sin is a provoking thing; let us pray for a healing spirit, which he applied very affectingly, that iniquity may not be our ruin: lastly, let us all take

care to secure those things that cannot be shaken. Afternoon, beginning the transcript of the index, which is tedious collating.

Sept. 1. Rose early; then proceeding in the index; till eleven at the Committee of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; dined privately with my good friend the secretary, Mr. Newman; had refreshing discourse concerning his pious grandfather, the author of that useful book, called the Cambridge Concordance; he showed me also a curious manuscript of the Danish missionaries, concerning the heathen Malabar deities, with their horrid pictures.

2. Mr. Cockburn preached the anniversary sermon, in memory of the desolating fire of London, 1666, from that of the prophet, "Thee have I known, and will punish;" but being to walk to Devonshire-square, without Bishopsgate, I had not opportunity to note the heads. Mr. Cooke, now Sir Charles Cooke, before the other company came, obliged me with part of his judicious discourse before the Parliament, relating to the trade to Turkey, which so ingeniously and substantially proves the advantage of the Levant trade to Great Britain, by transporting thither our woollen cloth fully manufactured, and importing raw silks, &c. that are manufactured by the poor here, that it quite overthrew the articles relating to trade with France, &c. Afterwards enjoyed dear Mr. (Sir Daniel) Doulins'

with his lady and mother's good company, the rest of day so agreeably, that I got not to the Society's meeting.

3. At church, but all the rest of day within, proceeding in the tedious index. Evening, with Mr. Dale, to visit the learned Mr. Anstis, where had also the agreeable converse of Dr. Charlet, Master of University College, in Oxford.

4. At Mr. Cookson's about business, and after at many shops; from thence to Whitehall twice, to buy prints for cousin Cookson; made little proficiency in the index this day.

6. Proceeding in the tedious index all day, save when at printer's.

7. Morning, writing till past ten, to inquire for, but missed of Mr. Derham. Dr. Calamy preached very well against censuring one another for being of different sentiments in lesser matters, and that it is often the hap of good men to be guilty of this fault; after at the engraver's and printer's; can get nothing forward.

8. Morning, finishing the index; till ten, to visit Mr. St. John, at Plasterers'-hall, who showed me his collections of natural curiosities, formed stones, &c.; but I was best pleased with his Roman coins, of which he had some very rare; and he was so kind as to present to me a Diudumenianus, of whom I had not one before, and would have me dine with him; after at the printer's; nothing done.

9. Morning, at church; at printer's twice in vain; and as oft at Mr. Anstis's: rest of day writing till past four at the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge . . . met with my good friends, Mr. Chamberlayn (who showed me some of the engraved plates of the Lord's Prayer in exotic characters), Mr. Nelson, Mr. Shute, &c.

10. Morning . . . was all day within, close at work in the latter appendix of unusual accidents, till almost dark; walked to Mr. Wainwright's.

11. . . . Writing till ten; walked to Mr. Chamberlayn's, and the Lady Brown's (the Bishop of Ely's relict) but lost my labour. I forgot to note that I have lately lost another affectionate friend, the pious and very aged Bishop of Glocester, who was buried at Henden, on Wednesday was sevennight. I walked thence to Westminster Hall and Abbey, where great preparations are making for his Majesty's coronation, the Courts of Judicature are taken down, and scaffolds erected in both places, that only an entrance is left into the church, the spacious Minster being most enclosed.

12. Walked to St. Mary-le-bone, spoke to the clerk, Mr. Edwards, to finish the plates of medals and antiquities he hath to engrave: the minister preached very well concerning anguish and trouble of mind, from that text, Thou shalt say when it is morning, &c. showing that a guilty conscience, 1. acts as a thousand witnesses: 2. as a judge: and 3. as an

executioner . . . In return, visited Mr. Fairfax at the Lady Cavendish's; dined there: walked thence to St. James's; the lecturer, Mr. . . . preached admirably well concerning Christian love and forbearance, not compelling by violence and constraint, &c. Afterwards visited Mr. Thoresby, an aged gentleman of the Norfolk line, who received me most courteously; showed me his grandmother's picture with the arms the same as ours, admirably painted upon board in a rich habit that seems to have been in Queen Elizabeth's time.

14. After dinner with Mr. Gale; walked into Southwark to see the Italian gentleman with two heads; that growing out of his side has long black hair . . . I bought his picture, which is with the printed ticket.

15. Rose before light . . . then writing till eleven; at the Committee with Mr. Nelson, Mr. Chamberlayn, and Mr. Lewis, a clergyman from the East Indies, where he had been a missionary above twenty years: his modest account of the state of religion in those parts was very agreeable.

16. Morning, busy writing till five at the Society, &c.; then with Mr. Dale and Mr. Collins treating my said kind landlord.

17. The whole day hard at work to finish the transcript of my manuscript, that got not to the door all day till past six, that the engraver wanted me.

18. Then delivered the remaining part of the copy in Mr. Nutt's absence to his servant Mr. Jennet, the compositor, in presence of Mr. Caps. Afternoon with Mr. Boulter, rejoicing at the King's safe arrival; upon which illuminations.

19. Mr. Boyse preached excellently from Psalm cxxii. 6, 7, 8. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, &c. whence he made a peaceful, charitable, and healing sermon, which will probably be printed, so need not note the heads.

20. Wrote till eleven, save when called down in times to see the King's horse-guards march by, for Greenwich; they make a most noble appearance, and some of the nobility splendidly attired . . . then walked to see the several trades and companies with their banners, the charity children in particular stands in St. Paul's church-yard; the streets crowded with innumerable spectators; the balconies hung with tapestry, and filled with ladies, &c.; then by my friend Mr. Toll's help, got a pure stand among the Grocers' Company, where had a fair view of the cavalcade when his Majesty, King George, made his public entry through the city, which was most splendid and magnificent above expression, the nobility even burdened with gold and silver embroidery. We counted above two hundred and six coaches, though there were frequently two lords in one coach, besides the Bishops and Judges, &c. of all which, see the printed ceremonial; at last came the most blessed

sight of a Protestant King and Prince (whom I had a full view of) attended with the loud acclamations of the people; after all followed the guards. It was above three hours from the beginning to the end of the procession; the conduit ran wine. I afterwards walked with cousin Wilson to their feast at Cooks'-hall; their own (the Grocers') being let to the Bank of England: after supper saw the fire-works, drank one pint of canary, and returned: heard of no damage, blessed be God!

21. Wrote letters and errata till noon; visited by the ingenious Mr. Derham, and after Dr. Chetwood, Archdeacon and Dean of Glocester, and Mr. Brian, of Harrow-on-the-Hill.

22. Walked to Duke-street, St. James's, to wait of Mr. Molesworth and his two sons; rest of day within correcting the press, and preparing for a journey.

23. At the printer's and engraver's to expedite the work; rest of day within reading or writing.

24. Morning: at the press, and writing till three; walked to Hackney to take leave of dear Mr. Doulins and his lady, and the excellent Mr. Henry's widow; in return visited also Mr. Cooke.

25. At the press; then writing till noon at Mr. Sturt's, but meeting Mr. Boulter, he obliged me to dine with him, which cost the rest of day; missed of the Honourable Mr. Molesworth, who made me a visit and left some valuable antiquities.

26. Mr. Jenks, of St. Dunstan's, from that of the apostle, The Spirit beareth witness with our spirits, &c. preached very well: dined at Mr. Dale's with the ingenious Mr. Wasse, who preached excellently concerning the final judgment, lamenting that persons should be so solicitous for the judgment of men, and so remiss in approving themselves to the Searcher of Hearts, at whose tribunal we must stand naked, with the world on fire about us. Spent the evening very agreeably with that ingenious and learned divine.

[The Reader will participate with the Editor in regret that from this period to September 1719, we have neither Diary nor Review.

The most material event in the life of Thoresby which occurred in this interval, was the publication of the *Ducatus Leodiensis*. This work bears in its title-page the date 1715.]

A.D. 1719.

Sept. 27. Die Dom. Morning, read Dr. Hammond's Paraphrase before family prayer, and his Annotations, before secret, till church time; Mr. Cookson, the vicar, preached very well from 1 Cor. ii. 6. Afternoon, Mr. Pollard preached well from 1 Cor. viii. 6. I had afterwards two rooms full of poor children that repeated the appointed psalms memoriter, in hopes of Bibles, the charitable bequest

of Lord Wharton, which kept me fully employed till evening prayers, (the benefaction of a worthy magistrate and dear friend of this town, though he will not permit me to mention his name;) after read Charnock of Providence, &c.

Oct. 1. Transcribing Mr. Bland's Survey till eleven; at church.

7. Sending a box of books, &c. to my dear son;* Lord, give a blessing to his studies! then transcribing the Survey till near evening, &c.

10. Morning, read Hammond; then writing to my dear son. Afternoon, on the Survey till past five; at Payler Smith's, the surveyor, till evening prayers; afterwards read the new English edition of the Monasticon Anglicanum, and Dr. Hammond, as usual.

11. Die Dom. Morning, read ditto; forenoon, Mr. Brearey preached from that of the wise man, "Keep my heart," &c. Afternoon, Mr. Pollard preached from that of the Apostle Peter, "Be clothed with humility." I afterwards catechised two rooms full of poor children, orphans and servants, in order to receive the Lord Wharton's Bibles.

12. Morning, read ditto; wrote little, being all day with the lords of the manor, being the great court-day; had the mayor, recorder, and the vicar's

* Then a student of Clare-Hall, Cambridge.

company, with other gentlemen; stayed too late for evening prayers, being about business.

14. Morning, read and wrote; then at the new church, as high as the bells, but durst not venture up the ladder to take bearings with Mr. P. Smith. Rest of day copying Survey till dark.

16. Read Dr. Hammond; then with Mr. Warburton* and Mr. Buck,† to take a new prospect of the town from Priest-cliff, near Cavalier-hill; had the two school-masters, Mr. Barnard‡ and Mr. Sumpster to dine with them at my house. Afternoon, at the new garden-house upon the hill, but could make little proficiency in the prospect because of the rain.

17. Read Hammond; then at the hill-top, taking the rest of the town, and drawing a view of the

* John Warburton, afterwards F.S.A. and F.R.S., and Somerset Herald. He published a large map of the county of York, with the arms of the gentry in the margin. For these he has incurred some reproach, on account of having introduced several coats which are of doubtful authority. Many of De la Pryme's topographical collections passed into the hands of Mr. Warburton, and form the most valuable part of Warburton's Yorkshire Collections, which are now in the Lansdown Department of the British Museum.

† One of the two brothers from whose drawings were engraved the set of Views of the principal Cities and Towns in England, known by the title of *Buck's Antiquities*.

‡ Thomas Barnard, A.M. of St. John's College, Cambridge, who was elected Master of the Grammar School at Leeds in 1712, on the death of Mr. Dixon, who had succeeded Mr. Dwyer, Thoresby's old friend. Dr. Whitaker says of Mr. Barnard that he was a pious and learned man. There appears to have been frequent intercourse between Mr. Barnard and Thoresby during the remainder of the life of the latter, whom Mr. Barnard survived many years. This is the Mr. Barnard who prepared the Biographical volume on the Charities, Life and Character of Lady Elizabeth Hastings.

new vicarage till noon; dined with them at P. S.'s; after had their company in my library; Mr. Buck took a prospect of it. Spent the evening with them.

18. Much concerned for the foreseen unavoidable mispence with my guests of this holy day, yet got them to church, both forenoon, when Mr. Brearey preached, and afternoon, when Mr. Day, and also to the evening prayers. Had their ingenious conversation, (which would have been more acceptable another day,) till bed-time; then read Dr Hammond.

19. Morning, read Dr. Hammond, then set forwards with Mr. Warburton and my little son Richard for York; when we were out of town, he drove the chaise himself, that we might have more enjoyment of each other's company. Upon Bramhammoor we traced the grand Roman military way, and he conducted me to a certain place, where three of their ways part, one goes by St. Helen's ford to the north, another grand road through Tadcaster to York, and a third towards Thorner, confirming my apprehensions of a Via Vicinalis, *Ducatus Leod:* p. 140. We saw the remains of the grand road in several places in our journey to York; the causeway over the moor beyond Tadcaster is laid upon the Roman Rig; the Street-houses, (or hows rather,) are doubtless so denominated from their stratum. Here we baited, and after escaped danger from the unruliness of the horse, that ran the chaise backward up a steep bank. Mr. Warburton himself conducted me to York, whence his servant to the Minster.

We lighted at Mr. Bulman's, whither Justice Robinson came to us, and received us most kindly, and conducted me and my son Richard, (who performed his journey bravely,) to his own house, where we lodged.

20. After morning prayer we went to the coffee-house, and then Manor, to visit two ingenious artists, Mr. Place and cousin Lumley, who presented me with some curiosities, (of which see the new catalogue,)* dined at my kind friend's Mr. Robinson's, who went with me to his aunt's, to show me the remains of her husband's, the late excellent Mr. Terrick's† noble library, where we stayed till the prayers at the Minster, whither I carried my son Richard, but he liked not the singing service, because, he said, he understood not what they said; a reason that might come from an older head. After had the company of several gentlemen, my Lord Downe's chaplain, and Mr. Wyn, Mr. Jubb, and our friends from the Manor, at my kind Gaius's, which kept us up too late.

21. At the Register's office; had the assistance of Mr. Robinson in collating the copy, I took many

* His own MS. Catalogue of additions made to his Museum after 1715, when the catalogue, as it then stood, was printed in the *Ducatus*.

† Samuel Terrick, A.M. Rector of Wheldrake and Canon-Residentiary in the Church of York. He had been Chaplain to an English embassy to Spain, and was afterwards Chaplain to Archbishop Sharp. A high character is given of him in the inscription upon his monument in the Minster at York. He died in January 1719.

years before, with the original register of Archbishop Thoresby, containing his excellent treatise upon the Lord's Prayer, Decalogue, &c.; this kept us fully employed till dinner: afternoon, we visited the ingenious Lawyer Johnson; I consulted the third volume of Monasticon Anglicanum (which I have not in my own library) and after visited Dr. Colton, who told me of a treatise against Transubstantiation, published by Sir John Hewley, and some remarks of his pious Lady, the benefactress. Evening, with Mr. Robinson, Lawyer Johnson, and Mr. Warburton, at the Coffee-house.

22. Morning, walked with my son, to show him the castle, and to Micklegate-bar, but missed both of Alderman Fairfax, Mr. Selby and Mr. Smith, so that returned *re infectâ*; called at two or three booksellers, but bought nothing; after dinner took leave of Mr. Robinson, and returned with my son, by the Street-houses, to Tadcaster, where we lodged.

25. Die Dom. Morning, read Dr. Hammond. Mr. Maud preached well, from Acts iv. 12; Mr. Blanshard, curate at Bramhope, preached from Prov. xxvii. 1. I afterwards heard a great number of poor children the Psalms appointed.

26. Morning, read; then wrote to the Lord Wharton's trustees, about the Bibles for poor orphans; rest of day proceeding in remarks upon Camden's Britannia, for the Bishop of Lincoln, in order to a more correct edition, till evening prayers,

when surprised with a voice (in the clerk's absence) at the low end of the church, which I took for a distracted person, that sometimes gets in and makes disturbance, but after perceived it was a woman, (one Alice Milner) that led out a Psalm, which was followed by most of the congregation.

Nov. 1. Die Dom. Morning, read Vines of the Sacrament in secret, and Dr. Hammond in family. The vicar* preached from Mat. xviii. 26, 27. showing first, the nature and extent of the duty of forgiving injuries, answering objections, being traduced and taking no notice, which, though seemingly hard, is our duty: if he puts on the brute, shall we put off the Christian? Secondly, the obligation we are under to it, in respect of the community, to preserve the unity of the whole, from the consideration of God Almighty, who is continually showing acts of mercy to us. Lastly, from the advantages of a forgiving temper: 1st. it is the most easy; 2d. an inlet to all other graces, even faith and hope; 3d. the pardon and remission of our sins. At noon, walking to Holbeck chapel; Mr. Forster preached from 1 Peter v. 5, 6. Clothed with humility, what have we to be proud of? our bodies are naturally running

* In the interval, during which we have neither *Diary* nor *Review*, Mr. Killingbeck died: and after a sharp contest between Mr. Cookson, the Lecturer, and Dr. Brooke, afterwards minister of St. John's, the former was elected vicar of Leeds; and continued to fill that important station during the remainder of Thoresby's life.

Dr. Brooke was appointed minister of St. John's in 1717, succeeding Mr. Lodge.

to decay, riches and honour transient and uncertain; 2d. the absurdity of pride, never at peace with God or man. The ingenious and pious minister being somewhat indisposed, I stayed a little with him at a neighbour's house, but returned against evening prayers, at six.

3. Morning, read Dr. Hammond; then, the visitation being at this town, some of the country clergy and others came to see the museum, that I got not to church: afternoon, abroad about business, and at cousin Wilson's about Camden, before I transcribe it for the Bishop of Lincoln.

5. Dr. Brooke preached excellently from 1 James i. 20; premising 1st. that such as undermine the civil power, and 2d. the public peace of the church, ought to be restrained; else, none ought, in his opinion, to suffer for conscience sake, the main substance of his sermon being against passion and persecution. I was after upon the manor affairs, till seven, at evening prayers.

Nov. 6. Morning, read Hammond; wrote additions and corrections about Camden, till eleven; at church; and after, till three, to visit parson Robinson upon invitation by letter; he showed me that part of his Will which related to his designed benefactions to twelve churches and chapels, each 10*l.* per annum, and 70*l.* per annum to the Charity Schools: Holbeck, Beeston, Chapel-town, and —— in this parish were four of them, and he designed to

expunge two of the extra-parochians, and insert in their place the lecturers of the old and new churches in this town.

7. Morning, read; then wrote upon a charitable account to Mr. Secretary Newman, and to John Chamberlayne, Esq. upon the death of his wife, that missed church; lost most of the afternoon in fruitless visits; after evening prayers read as usual.

12. Concluded the perusal and extracts from the English edition of the Monasticon Anglicanum, an useful book in its kind, though there are both typographical errors and others, besides some reflections upon the Reformation, which the Spanish priest,* who is said to be the translator and abridger of the three Latin volumes, would not omit. Afternoon, transcribing Archbishop Thoresby's manuscript for the press, till dark; then sent for by Mr. Robinson, of Rokeby; unhappily prevented of public prayers.

13. Morning, read Hammond; then transcribing that venerable manuscript till eleven, at church; then importuned to dine with Mr. Robinson and Mr. D.; then transcribing ditto till dark; was with Mr. Samuel Totty, at my tenant's (was glad to understand that he keeps a diary) till seven, &c.

15. Die Dom. Morning, the vicar preached from

* Mr. Gough was uncertain by whom this Translation and Abridgment was prepared. *Topography*, vol. i. p. 124. He supposed that it was done by Captain Stevens, the author, or rather compiler of a valuable Supplement to the Monasticon, in which, as we shall see, he was assisted by Thoresby.

Psalm xvii. 3. Afternoon, Mr. Blanshard preached from Mark viii. 36, 37.

16. Morning, writing in library, till eleven; at church, and after, till dark, read Cæsar's Commentaries, Dr. Hammond's Paraphrase and Annotations.

18. Morning, read and wrote till church-time; the vicar came to my pew to acquaint me, that the last post brought him the commission for the Queen's bounty to Hunslet chapel, and he had lately received those for Holbeck and Bramley. Blessed be God for encouragement to his service!

26. Morning, as usually; but most of forenoon assisting an afflicted family, to keep an old man out of the gaol, that prevented my attendance at church. Afternoon proceeding in a catalogue of books relating to the Antiquities of England, for the Bishop of Lincoln, to be prefixed to the new edition of Camden's Britannia, till evening, &c.

27. Morning, read and wrote; then earnestly solicited by his sons and daughters to treat with the Recorder's brother, to prevent sending old Mr. Stackhouse to the gaol, spent much time, but at length prevailed, and had the thanks of both parties for accommodating the business. Afternoon, wrote a little till dark; seven at church; after, sent for by Mr. Warburton, of Sheffield, that read little in family.

28. Morning, read Dr. Hammond, and Cæsar's Commentaries, till light; then upon ditto Catalogue of Writers, till eleven; and after, till evening, &c.

29. Die Dom. Morning, Mr. Fairfax preached excellently from Matt. vi. 34; showing, 1st. what is meant by taking no thought for the morrow: there are two contrary extremes in this case; a presumptuous reliance upon Providence, without any care, and a sinful distrust and anxiety, which makes us miserable beforehand, for fear of being so hereafter. First, the morrow will take thought for itself, that is, we shall be better able to judge of matters then than at a distance, when all is uncertain. Secondly, sufficient for the day is the evil thereof; the cares and toils of each day will so far employ our thoughts and strength, that there is no need to increase them by fear of future troubles. Afternoon, Mr. Blanshard preached from 1 Tim. i. 15, displaying the greatness of our Saviour's mercy, in coming to save sinners: the time, an age of the grossest ignorance, not of the Gentiles only, but the Jews; the Sadducees denying the Resurrection, and the Pharisees equalling traditions with the Scriptures.

30. Proceeding in the Catalogue of the county writers, for the Bishop of Lincoln.

Dec. 7. After evening prayer, concluded Mr. Ecton's agreeable account of Queen Ann's royal bounty, worth 17,000*l.* per annum, communibus annis, to the poor clergy; took extracts of what relates to this county, or particular acquaintance.

8. Morning, read Mr. Hassel's excellent sermon before the Judges (he is a native of this town); then

transcribing what I wrote for the Bishop of Lincoln, when unseasonably visited by two gentlemen, that got not to church. Afternoon, abroad about various concerns till three; wrote till near dark; then visited cousin Wilson, where had Dr. Brooke's company and cousin Kirkshaw's, till at evening prayers.

10. Forenoon read and wrote as usually. Afternoon walked to Beeston about Hebrew books for my son at Cambridge; in return, called for a Hebrew Bible at Holbeck; stayed too long with the ingenious minister, that missed church.

11. Morning, read and wrote till eleven. After dinner walked with the other feoffees to Great Woodhouse, about an encroachment upon Madam Leighton's farm for the poor; with difficulty got the aggressor to acknowledge it under his hand, and pay a yearly rent; this kept us till past seven, &c.

13. Die Dom. Morning, Dr. Brooke preached excellently from Luke iii. 3, 4. Afternoon, Mr. Paley preached very well (for Mr. Blanshard) from 1 Peter v. 5. "Be clothed with humility:" have a low opinion of yourselves; but degrading expressions of ourselves, and commendations of others, are no infallible signs thereof. Innocent to men, our demerit to God may sufficiently humble us. Observe how you are affected with the advancement of others, and so with their poverty; for if the one occasion envy, and the other disdain, we are not truly humble.

15. Morning, read and wrote; most of the after-

noon abroad at parson Robinson's, and after with Dr. Tomlinson and Mr. Midgeley, from whom received a generous present from my noble friend John Boulter, Esq.

21. Morning, rose pretty early. Then walked to Woodhouse and Car, and distributed grandfather Jenkinson's dole (12*l.* per annum) to the poor there, and of the town of Leeds, till night.

23. Read Hammond and manuscript till eleven; at prayers. Afternoon, distributing rest of the dole to his almshouses; then to do the like at Holbeck, where found a general complaint, that what had been yearly allotted to Mr. H. had not been faithfully distributed.

28. Morning, read and wrote till eleven; and after, till dark, concluded Cæsar's Commentaries, with Clement Edmunds' observations; which evince him as well a learned as valiant man, and of almost inexpressible expedition in his exploits, (building a bridge over the Rhine in ten days;) but as Alexander and other celebrated heroes, raised up by Providence for the chastisement of mankind, though the result was happy, civilizing the nations and preparing them for the reception of Christianity.

29. Morning, read Hammond; then running over library to see what books wanting, till eleven; and after, till diverted by Mr. Mitton, with whom at P. S.'s till evening.

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January 1. Morning, read Hammond, Annotations and Paraphrase; then in library till eleven. At church, where the number of persons seems to imply the resolutions of many to spend this new year in a more holy and exemplary manner, *faxit Deus!* Afternoon, in library.

3. Die Dom. Morning, read Dr. Hammond and Manual of Devotion. Mr. Midgeley preached well from Phil. iii. 17, 18. But a continued discourse, without so much as one distinct head, made it less profitable to my barren heart. Afternoon, Dr. Brooke preached an excellent charity sermon, from Galatians vi. 10. But the anthem was inconsiderately ordered, being so short that scarce half the congregation was collected of; yet this collection, and that of the New Church, where the Vicar preached, amounted to *33l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*

4. Morning, read Hammond; then in library till eleven, and after among papers; concluded Blount's Ancient Tenures, some of which very uncouth and surprising. Read Maittaire's Annales Typographici till seven.

8. Morning, read and wrote till ten; when showing collections to a gentleman from Skipton till eleven. At church; afternoon, the same again, that missed most of Mr. Paley's sermon at the funeral of Mr. Bright Dixon's widow, whom he commended for her

piety and charity, having left (after her sister's decease) part of her estate to pious uses.

9. Morning, read and wrote (save a little assisting widow Todd) till eleven, and after till about three, that the Vicar preached the funeral sermon for Alderman Dodgson, from 1 Cor. xv. 52. After, read and wrote till evening prayers.

11. Morning, read Dr. Hammond; wrote part of the preface to Vicaria Leodiensis till eleven. Afternoon walked to Beeston to visit the Hebrew lady, recovered from her late indisposition.

21. Dr. Brooke's stable was burnt this night, but the fire was quenched before the neighbouring houses were damaged.

23. Morning, read Dr. H.; then examining the old charters, safe returned from the editors of the New Monasticon Anglicanum,* till eleven. Afternoon, Mr. Robertson, a Frenchman born of Scotch parents, in the presence of the magistrates and about five thousand spectators, swam upon the river Aire in his leather boat; which is, before he extends it by a pair of bellows, wherewith he fills it all (except a small hollow for himself to sit in) with wind, in so small a compass as to be folded up in a handkerchief, some say put into his pocket. I was heartless, and even my dear's entreaty could not prevail upon me to go and see it; but both the barbers being run thither, I went to cousin Bowes's upon the bridge, and saw him at a little distance.

* Meaning Stevens's Supplement.

26. Morning, read as usually; wrote till prayer-time. Rest of day, writing two indentures tripartite, to assist poor Widow Todd, of Hunslet; was fatigued, but revived, that got the good widow quit of her ill servant.

30. *Nigro carbone notetur*, the Vicar preached suitably to the melancholy occasion, from 1 Peter ii. 19, showing, 1. what it is to have a conscience towards God; 2. what to suffer wrongfully. Afternoon with cousin Wilson about preface to the Vicaria Leodiensis.

31. Die Dom. Morning, Dr. Brooke preached excellently from Matthew xi. 6. 1st, The promise was made almost as soon as the fall, and good men in all ages were saved by his merits; he was the Lamb slain from the beginning. The sin of mankind was then at the highest; and therefore the remedy was then most seasonable; then also, religion might best be propagated through the universal use of the Roman tongue. We make no scruple of believing there was such a city as Rome, and such a general as Julius Cæsar; and why then of Christ and his miracles, of which we have the testimonies both of friends and enemies? even apostates have confessed it, and the Christian religion undoubtedly shall continue, notwithstanding the wrath of men and malice of devils. Afternoon, Mr. Young of Bramhope preached well from that in Eccles. "As with the fool, so with the wise."

February 3. Taking account of books printed in the infancy of the art till eleven: and so the rest of the day till evening.

4. Morning, read Marquis of Argyle's Instructions to his Son, wherein some things serious, above the common rank of the author, whose hard hap it was to suffer 1661, though he had set the crown upon the head of King Charles II. (see Historical Dictionary.) After, transcribing the abstract of Mr. Silvester Petyt's will relating to his benefactions till eleven, and after till dark.

7. Die Dom. Morning, the Vicar preached from 1 Peter i. 25. "The word of the Lord endureth for ever." Directing his reproof, 1. to such as profess to believe the Scriptures yet deny their sufficiency to salvation, but add thereto oral traditions, pretended to be received from the apostles, which he showed to be inconsistent with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to omit any thing essential to salvation. 2. To such enthusiasts as look upon the Scripture as a dead letter and pretend to the spirit; but it is certain the Spirit of God will reveal nothing contrary to his own word. 3. Others presume upon their own reason, without revelation, and so by their freethinking involve themselves in ignorance and error. Afternoon, Mr. Blanshard preached from Psalm cxix. 168. "All my ways are before thee." 1. All our ways are before a most holy and pure God; 2. that the most secret sins cannot escape his knowledge; 3. all this

is in order to judgment. After evening prayer, concluded Charnock of the Divine Providence: this is a second perusal of it, which evinces my great opinion of that learned and pious author, whom I heard preach at London in my young days, to a thin auditory, but mostly of ministers.

11. Morning, read Hammond, &c. till eleven; after, a little about business. The Vicar preached very well at the funeral of Mr. Newsom, from Psalm xxxix. 7, and gave a great and deserved character of the party, who was really noted for piety. Afterwards to visit cousin Kirkshaw in the gout; read Mr. Hunter's manuscript account of his voyage to Canada and Quebec, anno 1711, dedicated to me and presented this afternoon.

14. Die Dom. Read Hammond. The Vicar preached from Hebrews iii. 19, concerning infidelity. After dinner began to read the learned and pious Mr. Charnock's two volumes of Sermons; then, my dear being much better, I walked to Holbeck chapel, where Mr. Forster preached excellently from Numbers xxiii. last verse: showing the desirableness of dying the death of the righteous, by comparing it with the death of the wicked; the different manner of their parting with the world and their pleasures here; the one change, a preface to a glorious life, the other to eternal death. I was much affected, and earnestly desired a copy, which he has kindly promised.

18. Morning, read Hammond; finished the perusal of Mr. Maittaire's Annales Typographici (the most curious and learned treatise upon that subject) and the printers of the ancient books in this library from thence: till eleven at church. Afternoon perusing the fair copy of the Vicaria Leodiensis. After evening prayer read Historical Dictionary.

20. Morning and forenoon as usually. After, with Captain Smith from Spain; and after, at parson Barnard's with the female artist that drew the picture of this museum.

21. Die Dom. Morning, Mr. Rogers preached from 1 John iii. 3. Afternoon, Mr. Clark, of Wakefield, preached excellently at Hunslet, from Psalm cxix. 71, Afflictions are the springs of joy to the godly, the prelude of misery to the wicked; to the one momentary, to the other eternal. It is difficult to know whether we love God sincerely in prosperity: but if, when he smites, and when friends fail, like birds of passage take flight at the approach of winter storms, to love is a good sign.

Being invited after to Mr. Paley's, his uncle Clark showed me a different sort of Jewish Philactery, which they place in a little tin box, on the inside of the lintel of the door of their houses: their company was very agreeable, but I left them with the Mayor and other gentlemen, to make a melancholy visit to Paul Ellis's, whose only son John being slightly bit by a lap-dog, above three months ago, without any

inconvenience as they thought, but is now raging in the Hydrophobia. I saw five young men holding him, who was in a most piteous case, vomiting blood; his father was much dejected, and his mother overwhelmed with melancholy almost to distraction.

22. Morning, read Hammond; writ and read till eleven; at church; rest of the day wholly lost in a visit, and disagreeable discourse from brother R., which reflecting upon father S., much discomposed my dear, and cost her many tears.

23. Morning, writing to Lord Wharton's feoffees about Bibles; writ till eleven; then writ letters till about two, walked to Hunslet chapel, where Mr. Paley* made a most affecting sermon at the funeral of John Ellis, a pious young man, who died of the Hydrophobia, from that of Job, "The Lord gave, &c."

26. Forenoon, read and writ till eleven, and after, other letters into the country, till three; with my dear at cousin C.'s, till six; with some friends at Mr. Lucas's;† the Indian book containing a Malabar history, writ, or rather inscribed, upon Palmetto leaves in the English tongue, kept us pleasantly employed late enough.

27. Morning, read Dr. Hammond; then writ to

* Mr. Paley was the curate of Hunslet Chapel, and is particularly commended by Thoresby in the Preface to the *Vicaria*.

† Lucas was master of the Charity School: a native of Warton, in Lancashire, of which place he has left a laborious account, used by Dr. Whitaker, in his History of those parts of Lancashire, having acquired a taste for topographical studies by his acquaintance with our Antiquary.

Dr. Charlett and Mr. Anstis, till eleven; after, in library, finished the perusal of Barksdale's Memorials of worthy persons (4 Decads), wherein many things remarkable, though not writ with the greatest accuracy.

28. Die Dom. The vicar preached very well from Luke vi. 20: afternoon, Mr. Blanshard preached from Phil. ii. 12. I afterwards heard the orphans, &c.

29. Morning, read Hammond; writ letters; finished the perusal of Dr. Palin's ingenious Travels, wherein a particular account of medals, manuscripts, and curiosities; within till five, with Mr. Killingbeck, to read him his uncle's memoirs.*

March 1. Finished perusal of Adam's Life, by a Venetian nobleman, wherein are some pious, other jocose passages, smart upon the female sex; the serpent with the face of a damsel. Afternoon, read and writ till about four; was after to consult cousin Wilson about preface to the Vicaria Leodiensis.

2. Morning, read Dr. Hammond; then writ till church time; the vicar preached excellently from Cor. ii. 7. Afternoon, read a little; then walked to Burmantofts to visit cousin Whitaker; heard a melancholy account of the increase of the sickness about Thorne, the country sending by seven in a waggon, to be buried there.

* The Memoirs of Mr. Killingbeck, the late Vicar of Leeds, which were intended for publication in the *Vicaria*.

9. Morning, read Hammond; then walked to Morley, to visit cousin Stubbs and the two old widows; finished the perusal of the Remembrances of ten excellent men, famous in their generations, by Clement Barksdale; had Mr. Lucas's company; in return, called at Mr. Walker's, at Churlwell, but he died at Christmas last, aged, as commonly said, 105; and after at the Hebrew lady's at Beeston; was more than half weary, but got to church.

12. Morning, read Hammond; then writ to Cambridge to my dear son; after, to other gentlemen, till near three; at cousin Milner's to wish him joy of the young baronet, for whom the two grandfathers, my Lord Archbishop and Mr. Milner, were godfathers.* Sir Arthur Kay represented the Alderman. Afterward visited by Parson Brooke,† of High-Hoyland, to consult some manuscripts.

13. Die Dom. Morning, read Dr. Hammond; then walked to Holbeck to hear Mr. Roebuck,‡ who preached from Matt. iv. 7.; had a sore storm of snow in return. Afternoon, Mr. Blanshard preached from

* The second Sir William Milner, grandfather to the present baronet. The two grandfathers were Mr. Milner, of Leeds, so often mentioned in this Diary, and Sir William Dawes, Archbishop of York, whose daughter the first baronet had married.

† This clergyman was another of the not small band of persons who collected the materials for the History and Topography of the West Riding of Yorkshire. What he collected passed into the hands of his great nephew, John Charles Brooke, the Somerset Herald. He was rector of High-Hoyland, near Wakefield.

‡ Mr. Roebuck was Clerk in Orders in the parish church of Leeds.

Isaiah xxxii. 27; I afterwards catechised; till evening prayers, read a sermon of Dr. Mangey's, preached at the consecration of the new church in Sunderland, in September last.

14. Morning, read Hammond; eleven, at church; after, walked to Armley, the minister (Mr. Hartley)* being dead, to make inquiry; had the Saxon Saddler† along with me, and stayed at his house, with Mr. Lucas, to refresh myself.

19. Read Hammond; wrote to Sir Hans Sloane till eleven; rest of day in doing a kindness for a widow gentlewoman and her daughter, save a little with cousin Milner, and the other Commissioners, about enclosing part of the common, and letting it for 14*l.* per annum, for the royal bounty to Holbeck Chapel.

22. Forenoon as before; after, sent for by Mr. Hird, an ingenious mathematician, with whom about an hour; then wrote till even.

23. Morning, read Dr. Hammond; wrote to the King-at-Arms. Mr. Plaxton preached from Luke xiii. 1, 2, 3, showing, How unjust it is to censure persons as greater sinners, because of greater afflic-

* This Mr. Hartley was the father of Dr. David Hartley, the author of Observations on Man, and the grandfather of David Hartley, Esq. some time Member for Hull.

† Thoresby seems to have created two antiquaries in his native town, Lucas and Wilson, both of whom left historical collections behind them. The Saxon Saddler was probably a third. I regret that I have been unable to recover his name. Thoresby often mentions him.

tions. Afternoon, abroad at relations till past five; then walked with two friends to view the enclosures for Holbeck Chapel.

27. Die Dom. Morning, read Dr. Hammond; Mr. Cookson preached from Luke xviii. 1; afternoon, Mr. Dade, of Rothwell, preached well from 1 John iii. 1; afterwards heard a good number of poor children and servants repeat the appointed Psalms.

29. Read Hammond; then writing letters, and a little abroad till eleven; so afternoon, and to pay cousin W. what I had collected for him; after evening prayers read history and divinity; was concerned for the death of my good old friend, Mr. Strype, a solid divine, and useful historian; witness the Lives of the first four Protestant Archbishops of Canterbury, and others.

31. Morning, read Hammond, and finished the perusal of Dr. Hutchinson's Historical Essay concerning Witchcraft, which, though written with more caution and prudence than others upon the same subject, yet not so convincing to me as to disbelieve what the learned and pious Dr. Moore, Glanville, Baxter, and Turner, have written concerning the certainty of the World of Spirits, Antidote against Atheism, &c.: wrote a little till eleven, and after till evening prayers; after at cousin Cookson's, with Mr. Payler Smith, showing his Survey of the Lordship of Tyresall.

April 1. Read Dr. Hammond; then writing to York, till visited by Dr. Richardson, of North Bierley, but sorry it was not sooner or later, missing thereby public prayer; then read, &c.; so afternoon, till past four; walked with my dear into the fields for air.

2. Morning, read Hammond; then writing to the two learned brothers, R. and S. Gale, till eleven; afternoon, walked to Kirkstal Abbey, and by the help of my friend, Mr. Lucas, got up some of the tiles lately discovered, wherewith the abbey, at least that part nigh the high altar, was paved; there were some rows of blue and yellow ones, set checquer-wise, under the east wall; as afterwards others, more in view, with fleurs-de-lis painted on them. Of these latter, we found none, but brought of the others home with me. In time for the evening prayers.

3. Die Dom. Morning, read Usher on Meditation and Prayer; the Vicar preached excellently from 1 Cor. vii. 19.; damnation (rather judgment) cannot be a strict analogy betwixt the Corinthians of that age and the Christians of this. Their Agapæ, or Love-feasts, (wherein there was sometimes too much of the Bacchanalia,) being long since prohibited; so no danger of the intemperance prohibited by the Apostle; but if not intemperance, there may be impurity; but we should not desist from the duty, but exercise repentance.

5. Morning and forenoon, as yesterday; concluded Mr. Mather's Wonders of the Invisible World, relating to Witches executed in New England; of different sentiments from Dr. Hutchinson. Afternoon, writing till near four; at cousin Milner's, to show him that part of the Preface to the Vicaria Leodiensis, that relates to his benefaction, and he permitted to add, yet without his name, 20*l.* per annum for the evening prayers.*

6. Morning, read; then writing to Mr. Boulter, Mr. Warburton, and Mr. Robinson, till church time. Mr. Pollard preached from Matth. xxv. 6, "And the door was shut." After, read and wrote till four; to visit cousin Aldburgh, to condole the death of her cousin, Robert Hitch, Esq. Member of Parliament; it proved to be his fellow M.P.

7. This morning, looking over the rolls, and making a new rental with cousin Cookson and other Lords of the Manor.

10. Die Dom. Read Hammond. Mr. Forster preached excellently from 1 Peter iv. 7, "The end of all things is at hand," which some understand of the desolation of Jerusalem, and the end of the Jewish Church and State; others more probably of the day of judgment; others of the day of death: recommended sobriety and prayer. When nature is clogged, and reason clouded, but certainly when de-

* This discovers to us the anonymous benefactor, mentioned in the Preface to the *Vicaria*.

votion is cooled by the freedom allowed, it is sinful; no place or circumstance, but administers occasion of prayer. Afternoon, Mr. Blanshard preached very well from Prov. iii. 5: what egregious folly is it to trust to our own folly, rather than the wisdom of God; in all our projects let the fear of God guide us; let us not dare to prosecute them in any other methods than he has prescribed.

12. Morning, read and wrote till eleven. Afternoon, with Lords of the Manor about fines of copyholds, in danger to be lost by remissness of the former sub-seneschals.

13. Morning, read and wrote till church-time: Mr. Barnard preached excellently from Psalm ii. last verse, showing the extent of the duty in its branches, which are reverence and affection; justly exploding the Arian scheme . . . Christian obedience ought to be uniform and constant, not putting the issues of salvation on a death-bed repentance. Afternoon, visited by Mr. Paley, of Hunslet; afterwards with Cousin Milner, and Alderman K., at the vicarage.

14. Morning, read and wrote till eleven . . . . Afternoon, walked with Mr. Hey, Mr. L. and H. to Kirkstal-forge, where the inscription is now placed that was in the portal of the Abbey, mentioned in the Ducatus Leod. p. 580. Mr. Moore was so kind as to return with us to the garden of the abbey, where he had the view of some of the larger sort of the tesselated pavement, wherewith the abbey (at

least about the high altar, where these were digged up) was paved; we afterwards uncovered a great part of a large stone about the altar, in hopes to have found an inscription, that we were late and in the dark at home.

16. Morning, read Hammond; wrote to the Bishop of Lincoln upon my son's account about ordination. Afternoon, with Mr. Buck, Bland, and Smith, &c.

17. Easter Sunday; read Annotations, &c.: the Vicar preached from 1 Thes. iv. 14. Afternoon, Mr. Paley preached excellently from 1 Cor. xv. 42, 3, 4, on the resurrection . . . After evening prayers supped at cousin Wilson's, with the Bishop of Man's son.

18. Morning, read . . . then had ditto Bishop's son, with Mr. Boulter Tomlinson, and Mr. Calvert, to see the curiosities, from early in the morning till full noon; and after dinner, another company from Peniston; was fatigued: with them at the vicarage till even.

22. Morning, read: kept close at my study all day, save usual attendance at prayers.

23. Had the company of two pious and ingenious young gentlemen, Mr. Wilson, the Bishop's son,* and Mr. Boulter Tomlinson till high noon, in library. Afternoon, wrote. Evening, had Capt. Smith's company from York.

* Bishop of Sodor and Man.

25. Concluded the perusal of my old friend, Mr. Baker's, of St. John's College, Cambridge, most excellent Reflections upon Learning, wrote with a pious design, to show that the most exalted reason, under all its improvements, cannot yield complete satisfaction, which is only to be had from revelation. It is, in my opinion, a most judicious treatise, wherein is abundance of various learning and true piety. Much of the afternoon abroad at the Mayor's, and with Mr. Buck, and Mr. Bland, to choose a convenient station upon Cavalier Hill, to take a long prospect of Leeds, designed to be printed.

27. Morning, read: then sending my manuscript Vicaria Leodiensis to London, designed for the press, till eleven. Stepped into a poor house to see the corpse of George Fletcher, said to be slain by the soldiers, but the Jury brought it in—slain accidentally. After dinner, writing, &c.; took a walk to Burmantofts till evening.

28. Morning, read and wrote till eleven. Afternoon, walked to Holbeck to visit Cousin Huntington, indisposed; after, read and wrote till evening prayers, when Mr. Walter Stanhope was buried.

30. Morning, read Hammond: then finished a cursory perusal of Dr. Calamy's Remarks upon Dr. Walker as to Persecution, till eleven. Afternoon, read and wrote till Mr. Boulter Tomlinson came to visit me.

May 3. Morning, read: wrote till eleven; at

church; then taking leave of Captain Smith for Holland. After, assisting Mr. Skippen to read some ancient charts, temp. Edw. III. till near four; had a visit from Mr. Mayor and others to see curiosities.

5. Morning, read Hammond: was all day within, endeavouring to take a review of my life. I was upon that part relating to my marriage . . . stirred not abroad, save to prayers morning and evening.

13. Afternoon, abroad at Cousin Milner's, Cousin Wilson's, and Dr. Brooke's, about Mr. Buck's Prospect of Leeds.

15. Die Dom. Morning, read Hammond. Dr. Brooke preached excellently from Phil. iv. 13. Afternoon, Mr. Cockshut preached from John xiii. 13, showing the import of the words, Lord and Master, as applied to Christ, and the advantage that accrues to such as are his disciples; they are sure to be protected, he being omnipotent; and not to be mistaken, he being infallible . . . Again, Christ gave not only his precepts to direct, but his example to walk by.

16. Morning, read Hammond: wrote to Justice Robinson about manuscript till near eleven; when visited by a minister from Derby, and others, to see the Collection till past twelve; concluded Britannia Triumphata from the conclusion of one (a legal) monarchy to the beginning of another, in the usurpation of O. C. wrote by a Cromwellist, wherein some remarkable transactions; and also Mr. Boyle's Experimenta, et Observationes Physicæ, relating to natu-

ral philosophy, wherein are several things very curious in their kinds, most of which I read the last month. Evening, prevented of church by some Quakers from Warwickshire.

17. Morning, read: then had the Vicar's company with Mr. Cockshut, to see the curiosities; with whom at the Vicarage till eleven; at church; after, at Alderman Milner's for a Cambridge bill, and with Sir William Lowther to assist cousin M. N.; then had some gentlemen from Lancashire and London to see curiosities, that was fatigued with exposing them four times in two days.

20. Forenoon, as usually. Afternoon, at Holbeck and Mr. H.'s, procuring subscriptions for Mr. Buck; till seven, at church.

22. Die Dom. Having concluded the learned Dr. Hammond upon the New Testament, the Paraphrase whereof is proper for a family, and the Annotations (as more learned) for the closet, but both excellent in their kinds, I began Mr. Henry's Annotations upon the prophetical books of the Old Testament, having formerly read the first and second volumes of the said author.

23. Read Henry; wrote to both Mr. Gales; after, rode with cousin Cookson to Sir Walter Calverley's, whose extraordinary civilities kept us so late, that it was almost midnight before we got home. Read Henry, &c.

24. Morning, read ditto; then in library till ele-

ven; after abroad about business till evening. At supper at cousin Cookson's, with the Vicar and many friends, it being the birth-day of his son John.

26. Read and wrote till eleven, at church; then showing collections to Mr. Leake, of the Earl of Scarsdale's family. Then proceeding in Bishop White's memoirs till near five.

30. Morning, read Henry's Exposition all day, except usual attendance at church; collecting memoirs of the pious martyr Bishop Farrer, to set his memory in a truer and better light than the Oxford historian.

June 4. Morning, read Henry; transcribed an ingenious letter of Mr. Bland's, concerning the number of acres in the several ridings of this county. The gross number in Yorkshire is 2,990,712. Afternoon, with feoffees and tenant about poor's concerns till evening.

8. Morning, read Henry; wrote till eleven; and after, till visited by Mr. Beighton of Coventry, an ingenious gentleman, author of the Ladies' Diary, to see the curiosities, till seven; at church.

10. Morning, read Henry; then proceeded in Memoirs of Bishop Baynes till eleven; and after, till about three, when applied to by Mr. Wood, for my daughter in marriage.

11. Morning, read ditto; finished Bishop Hopton's Life; after evening prayers, to visit Mr. Lucas, returned from his native soil, the remote parts of Lancashire, where also Archbishop Hutton was born.

12. Die Dom. Read Henry and Vines; was (as the week past) now especially solicitous for my dear son, who is to be ordained deacon by the Bishop of Lincoln this day. The Vicar preached very well from Acts xix. 5, concerning baptism. I after received the Sacrament, as, I suppose, my son may do at Bugden this day. Mr. Exley preached in the afternoon, but I was a drowsy unprofitable hearer; heard about forty children the Catechism till evening.

13. Morning, read Henry's Exposition; wrote till eleven, when unhappily prevented of church by some Quakers (pretendedly to take a room,) to no purpose; afternoon, had Madam Tomlinson and her ingenious son and daughters to see the museum.

15. Morning, read; wrote, per post, till eleven; afternoon, with Mr. Buck, at Mr. Dennison's; the Vicar preached well at the funeral of John Beetham, dead in the prime of his days, from Mark xiii. 33. This young man died of a mortification: and this afternoon was buried a soldier, slain yesterday by his fellow drummer. Evening, with the Vicar, at Mr. R. Maude's, returned from Portugal.

17. The former part of the day as usually; the latter, had Mr. Boulter Tomlinson's company, who brought his curious transcript and version of the Patriarch of Alexandria's letter to Archbishop Sharp, whose son made me a present of the original Greek autograph.

18. Morning, read Henry; wrote to Lincolnshire;

afternoon, proceeding in Memoirs of Bishop Bentham, till evening.

19. Die Dom. Morning, read Daubuz on the Revelations; Mr. Claphamson, of Hedingley, preached from Matthew xxviii. 28, 29.; afternoon, Mr. Dade, of Rodwell, preached from Matthew xxii. 37.; in return, called at cousin Wilson's, to show him the Bishop of Lincoln's letter of his ordination of my dear son, and the comfort he hoped I might have in him, which rejoiced my heart.

20. Morning, read Daubuz's Preliminary Discourse to the Revelations in secret, and Mr. Henry's upon Isaiah, in family, both learned men and my acquaintance, and both entered upon their rest: wrote Memoirs of the pious Bishop Bentham till at church, and a little after; but most of the afternoon with Mr. Midgeley, of Beverley; and after, had cousin Kirkshaw's company, with Mr. Taylor, of Cambridge, to see the museum.

21. Morning, read Daubuz and Henry; then, writing to Mrs. Daubuz, till at church; rest of day wholly spent at the Saxon's, with Mr. Forster and Mr. Lucas.

23. Forenoon as usually, read and wrote till eleven; at church; after, at Alderman Milner's, to recommend our two surveyors, Mr. Bland and Mr. Smith, to whom he gave orders to survey about 400*l.* per annum, that lies betwixt Humber and the sea, that he is about purchasing.

24. Forenoon, wrote Memoirs of Bishop Best till near eleven; afternoon, of Bishop Guest, both learned men, and Eboracenses.

26. Die Dom. Morning, perusing a manuscript of Mr. Todd's Catechetical Lectures; which, though written by an illiterate pen, appear to have been excellent in themselves. Mr. Cookson preached from Acts xix. 5.

27. Morning, read Henry; writing Memoirs of Bishop Coverdale till at church, and after, till toward evening, when visited by the Lord Marquis of Carnarvon (upon his travels) and Lord Henry Bridges, to see the museum, with whom and their ingenious tutor, Mr. Hunt, and Dr. Stuart till late.

28. Morning, read, as usually; then, with the Marquis and the ingenious Dr. Stuart; wrote a little till eleven; then, with Mr. Fenton about business; and after, had relations from Cheshire, to see collections, till evening prayers.

29. Morning, read Henry; wrote; then, had two of Mr. Wood's brothers-in-law, to treat about a marriage with my daughter; afternoon, with Parson Bentley, of Illingworth.

30. Morning, read as usually; transcribed rest of Coverdale's Memoirs, till at church; afternoon, had company in the library; after, concluded the English Civil Wars, in English verse, written by a parishioner, Mr. Ant. Cooper, said to be of the family of Knowstrop.

July 12. Read Henry; after walked to Holbeck, where my daughter Grace Thoresby was married to Mr. John Wood; was most of day with relations and others upon that occasion, save a little in the library with Mr. B. T.; necessitated to sit up too late to gratify the inclinations of the young ones.

14. Morning, read and wrote till eleven; then with relations; son Wood began his London journeys; was after at Dr. T.'s; had sister W.'s and cousin H.'s company till seven.

15. Morning, read and wrote till church time; so afternoon, till evening prayers; finished the perusal of the (Six) Ladies' Diaries, the ingenious author's present, Mr. Beighton, of Coventry, (when he came to see the museum,) wherein are many curious enigmas, &c., proposed and answered by several of the female sex, particularly of this county, Astræa, (Mrs. Hoyle, of Craven.)

21. Morning, read Henry; then in library till eleven; afternoon at cousin Milner's, to wait of Sir William; found there Sir William Lowther and Dr. Brooke; stayed about two hours; then showing collections till evening.

25. Morning, read Henry; then writing to Mr. Commissioner Gale till eleven, &c.; afternoon, with cousin Wilson, &c. for Parson Daubuz's widow.

26. Read and wrote till eleven; then assisting the learned man's widow, (sent her three guineas for

three books,) and visiting cousin Hopkinson indisposed, and cousin Aldburgh, till seven.

28. Former part of day as usual; latter had the ingenious Mr. Forster, of Holbeck,* &c. to view the curiosities, with whom late enough; received my son Wood well home from London and Norwich, Laus Deo!

29. Memoranda: this post I received a most comfortable letter from the Bishop of Lincoln, concerning my son's preaching before him, and approbation by his Lordship, who conferred upon him the curacy of Bugden; so that he is placed, according to my heart's desire, under so pious and learned a Bishop's immediate inspection, where he has the use of two good libraries; that of the Bishop's in the palace, and the minister's. I hope this is in answer to many petitions, that he may be delivered from those exorbitances that many young clergymen fall into, and may be useful in his generation.

30. Morning, read Henry; then writing a letter of thanks to my good friend the Bishop of Lincoln, and of advice to my dear son Thoresby; till eleven at prayers; after, had relations; then at Mr. Killingbeck's, with a Londoner.

Aug. 8. Wrote; read Henry; afternoon, had two sets of visitants, to whom wearied with showing collections. Evening, with the ingenious Mr. Fidler, of Edinburgh, at Mr. Hunter's, till late.

* The incumbent of the chapel there, a gentleman who appears to have had much of the esteem of Thoresby.

10. Morning, read and wrote; afternoon had Mr. Fidler's company in the museum, (amongst Caxton's books,) and Mr. Bayliffe, from Cheshire, till evening.

16. Morning, read Henry; then writing letters till eleven; when abroad about business, was unavoidably prevented of making those deliberate reflections I designed upon my entrance into my grand climacterical year, by visitants from Lancashire, &c. (cousin Wilson's relations,) with whom rest of the day showing collections; and evening at cousin W.'s.

18. Morning, read Henry; then writing to Justice Robinson and Mr. Warburton till eleven; dined with neighbours at a tenant's christening, which lost most of the afternoon; after, to wait of the Archbishop, at Mr. Milner's.

22. Morning, read Henry; then in library till eleven; afternoon, visited by an ingenious young gentleman, Mr. West Fenton,* of the Temple, to see the collections.

24. Read; then writing to the Bishops of Lincoln and Man till eleven; afternoon, at Alderman B.'s request, at the auction of books; after evening prayers, a little there, but bought none.

28. Die Dom. Morning, Dr. Brooke preached

* Mr. West Fenton was a F.R.S. and is mentioned by Hearne as the possessor of a manuscript of Gervase of Tilbury. He was of that branch of the very numerous family of Fenton, which was planted at Underbank, in the parish of Peniston; an estate which came to them by the marriage of the father of Mr. West Fenton, with the only daughter and heir of Captain Richard West, the first patron of Saunderson, the blind mathematician. Mr. West Fenton died in his 32d year, anno 1731.

from Romans iv. 7; after dinner, read Mr. Illingworth's manuscript prayers. Mr. Forster preached from Psalm ciii. 13. I afterwards heard many poor children the appointed Psalms, in hopes of the long-delayed Bibles.

Sept. 5. Read Henry; then in library till eleven; at church; so afternoon till three, when with cousin Cookson and Mr. Buck, to give the finishing stroke to the Prospect of Leeds from Cavalier-hill; in return, stayed at cousin Cookson's till near evening.

18. Die Dom. Morning, read Henry; the Vicar preached excellently from Titus ii. 2. Afternoon, Mr. Forster preached excellently from 2 Cor. iv. 3, 4; finished the perusal (in my walk to Holbeck Chapel,) of Mr. Baxter's Poetical Fragments, or Heart-Employment, wherein much delighted.

Time is at work, both night and day;
My grave and coffin are at hand:
Now I am writing; and anon,
Even when it seemeth to delay,
My glass hath but a little sand:
They'll also say of me, he's gone.

23. Morning, read as usually; then walked with my dear to North-hall about business; much of the latter part of the day abroad to get a bill for Cambridge; then in library till evening prayers. Mrs. Ann Mason, an ingenious young gentlewoman, died this day, and left my son two books, Malebranche and Norris, and daughter a legacy; read Burnet and Henry.

25. Die Dom. Morning, the Vicar preached from Titus ii. 2; afternoon, Mr. Forster preached very well from Prov. iii. 11: we are admonished by afflictions to draw nearer to God; to acquiesce in his disposal of us, and never by any dishonest means, to free ourselves from troubles. I afterwards heard a great number of poor children the Psalms appointed.

Oct. 3. Morning, read Vines and Henry; writ to my son at Cambridge; then in library till eleven; at church; afternoon, in library till about three, when had three sets of visitants successively; a Presbyterian minister, a Popish priest, and lastly a Nonjuror, that hindered me from church.

5. Morning, read and writ till eleven, at church; and after, till dark, when walked with my dear to the Bank, where son Wood and daughter entered upon house-keeping; prevented thereby of public prayers.

6. Morning, read Henry; then drawing a Catalogue of the Miscellanies in 4to.; afternoon, at church, at baptizing cousin Cookson's son, Arthur; cousin Milner stood up for Sir Arthur Kay, with whom, and other grandees, the Mayor, &c. till past eight; read Henry.

13. Morning, as usually, till eleven, at church; where were baptized Abraham, Sarah, and Rebekah, the trimelli of Abraham Scholefield, of the Shambles; was concerned for a dream of an old manuscript,

delicately painted and gilded: not as though it was in itself sinful, but that it plainly argues that my mind is too much set upon these things, else why might it not have been of the Bible? Was in library till four; then walked with three friends to Holbeck, where the ingenious company kept us too late.

18. Morning, read Henry; writ letters to Scotland, till eleven; at church; concluded perusal of the Life of the pious and learned linguist and loyalist, Mr. Cawton; afternoon, visited by the Earl of Strafford's only brother's eldest son, to see the Museum, which took up till near six.

19. Morning, read Henry; prepared for a journey, upon invitation of the no less religious, than right honourable Lady Elizabeth Hastings;* found Breck Lane better than expected; got well there, and in time for prayers; after dinner, with my Lady perusing some ancient Court-rolls and Charters that her Ladyship wanted to understand more fully, which took up the whole time from afternoon prayers till supper, and after till bed-time; had family prayers, with a chapter, and Burkitt's Annotations or Paraphrase.

22. Writ to the Bishop of Lincoln, till near

* Lady Elizabeth Hastings resided at Ledston, a few miles from Leeds, on an estate, which descended to her from her grandfather, Sir John Lewys. She was, in her life, remarkable for benevolence and piety, and many places in the West Riding of Yorkshire are enjoying the benefit of her munificence. We shall see much of the economy of her household as we proceed.

eleven, when prevented of public prayers, by Mr. K.. and a nonjuring parson, from Pinder-Oak;* with whom also after dinner; then writing till near dark....

27. Morning, read; then consulting manuscript about several manors of the Lady Betty Hastings, at her Ladyship's request.

30. Die Dom. Read Henry. Mr. Paley preached from Phil. iv. 11, 12. Afternoon, Mr. Pollard preached from Jer. v. 9. Application—it is dangerous for man to continue in sin upon presumption of his (God's) patience. Afterwards, heard children and servants the Psalms.

31. Morning, read Henry; read and wrote till eleven. After, concluded Mr. Elstob's edition of the Saxon Canonical Hours, with his translation and notes, annexed to Dr. Hickes's Controversial Letters with Papists, &c. wherein much learning and curiosity, as of piety in Mr. Nelson's Letter to a Priest at Rome; which performance of my three friends pleased me well.

Nov. 1. Morning, read Henry; then adding my late friend Mr. Strype's emendations to first volume of Bishop Burnet's History of the Reformation: was affected with the consideration that these five friends of mine, with whom I was personally acquainted, as well as had a correspondence by letter, who were eminently useful in their respective places,

* Mr. Taylor, of Pinder-Oak, near Worsborough, where he has a monument.

are all entered upon a boundless eternity, and enjoying the fruits of their labours, whilst I, an useless unprofitable cumber-ground, am left behind. Towards evening, walked with Mr. W. to Little Woodhouse; borrowed two volumes of the Religious Philosopher of Mr. Pendlebury, &c.

2. Read Henry; wrote till eleven; at church, when my grand-nephew Charles Nicholson was baptized. Dined there with the Vicar and relations; stayed till about five, when with Mr. B. and S.

4. Read and wrote, till near eleven; walked to Hunslet Chapel; and after, to Mr. F.'s in vain. Afternoon, wrote to Christopher Gale, Esq. of Carolina per his mother; then walked with Mr. Oates to view Mrs. Leighton's farm for the poor, for fear of encroachment by a neighbour, the tenant being weak.

5. Morning, read Henry; then to assist a widow-gentlewoman, Mrs. S. Ray, till church time. Mr. Blanchard preached well from Rom. x. 10: zeal for religion is commendable, when it is according to the temper of the gospel. Christ restored life to some, but never took it from any.

9. Morning, read and wrote till nine; had ministers from Lancaster, &c. to see curiosities; with whom dined at the Swan. Was too late for the funeral of John Walker of W., that returned and stayed a little with parson Robinson. Wrote till six, when with Alderman Milner, Dr. Tomlinson,

&c. at a tavern, to drink a token from our kind friend Mr. Boulter; stayed till about ten.

19. Morning, read; then writing to Sir H. Pierse, at Dublin; but prevented of public prayers by urgent business for a friend. Was much concerned for the sudden and dangerous illness of the Saxon C. H. Afternoon, read and wrote till near dark, again to visit C. H. till evening prayers; after, read Dr. Harris's History of Kent (Mr. Boulter's noble present) and Henry.

20. Die Dom. Morning, Mr. Forster preached from "The Lord will be sanctified," &c. Levit. x. Afternoon, Mr. Blanchard preached from 1 John iii. 21. After evening prayers, read a very good practical sermon of Mr. Aspinall's, late of Kirk-Heaton in this neighbourhood (printed at Northampton), Henry, &c.

21. Morning, read Henry and Harris till light; then in library till eleven; and after, till towards evening, with Mr. Forster to visit the Saxon.

Dec. 4. Die Dom. Morning, read Vines and Henry. The Vicar preached from 1 Tim. iv. 8. "Godliness is profitable for all things." Afternoon, Mr. Barnard made a very ingenious discourse from Matth. xv. 9. "Teaching for doctrine the commandments of men." Very well exposing the Jewish vanity and presumption in comparing, nay preferring, their oral law (pretended to be delivered to Moses in the Mount, and transmitted by tradition)

before the written law, which traditions being in the second century committed to writing, appear to be only Rabbinical dreams. The like vanity appears also in the Popish impositions. He gave also a handsome touch at the Nonjurors; and then gave the genuine import of the words, and cleared the Established Church from the defects objected by the Romanists on one hand, and from teaching for doctrine the commandments of men, as is objected by the Separatists, on the other.

5. Morning, read Henry; then wrote to Mr. Anstis and Dr. Charlett till eleven; at church. Afternoon, with the Serjeant, perusing some papers of Mr. Harrison, founder of St. John's Church; and after, with a gentleman from Sweden, about their Mint tokens of Baron Gortz; and with Mr. L. and H. till evening prayers.

8. Morning, read and wrote till eleven; at church. Afternoon, with Mr. Sympson, perusing Mr. Harrison's papers till near dark.

12. Morning, read Henry; wrote till eleven. Afternoon, walked to Great Woodhouse, to see some medals and curiosities (seven Mosaic stones from St. Peter's at Rome) brought thence by Alderman P—; and after, to the Bank. Evening, at supper at J. S'. a tenant; and though twenty persons, nothing but horse and dog talk, that (I) was sadly wearied.

14. This forenoon as usually. After, walked to Sheepscar, to see the attempt made for a new lead

mine, which, by the specimen they find, seems to be a very rich ore. After, wrote till dark.

27. Dr. Brooke preached the anniversary sermon at St. John's, from Neh. i. 14, and very earnestly pressed the building of a new church, these two not being sufficient for the numerous inhabitants; and pressed it with very many cogent arguments, it being conducive to the temporal as well as spiritual welfare of the people; urging also the generous benefaction of the endowment by Mr. Robinson, which if not presently embraced, might be irretrievable, depending upon one precious life, when conscience would reproach the neglect of such an opportunity. Afternoon, read and wrote till dark.

28. Taking extracts from Sir John Lewys' manuscript Voyage to India, lent me by the Lady Betty Hastings.

29. Read Henry and manuscript till eleven; and after, till about three, showing collections to a gentleman. Then wrote till dark. Invited to Alderman Milner's feast, with the clergy, whose agreeable conversation stayed me till ten.

31. Read Henry; then writing to Mr. Newman, Secretary to the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, with an ample commission for above 850 books, to advance the good of souls, most to be distributed to the poor in these parts. Afternoon, read and wrote till dark. Thus another year of my short pilgrimage is irrecoverably slipped away.

A. D. 1721.

Jan. 1. Die Dom. Morning, being in library before day, was thankful for the reviving light of the day and year, especially for the Day-spring from on high. Mr. Midgeley preached from Psalm xcv. 6. Afternoon, Mr. Paley preached from Eccles. xi. 1: he particularly recommended the charity-children as proper objects of a regard extended to souls and bodies, whereby we may hope for a great improvement in the next generation, and that they will instruct those that come after; which he pressed with such arguments and fervency, that the collections were greater than ever before, viz. above 40*l.*

3. Morning, read Henry; then accounting till eleven. Afternoon, had visitants till four, then with parson Robinson, who told me that our friend Mr. Gale, of Keighley,* was found dead in his bed last night; but he was a pious man and fit for death, how sudden soever. Had daughter and two nieces with their husbands to supper, but was sadly alarmed with the chimney next *my* library being on fire, but it was extinguished without much damage. I was more concerned for that, than all the house besides.

4. Morning, read Henry; was truly thankful for

* The aged Rector of that parish, and a member of the literate family of Gale. He inherited a portion of the family spirit, as appears by an account of his own parish, that was prepared by him.

the deliverance from the danger of the fire last night: wrote till eleven. Afternoon, writing to the Bishops of Lincoln and Londonderry* till dark, with relations at son Wood's; stayed too late.

7. Morning, read Henry; writing to both Mr. Gales and Captain Stevens, till eleven; afternoon, at Cousin W.'s; after evening prayers, read Dr. Mead's new Treatise of the Plague; and after, had a bad night with the thoughts of that most dreadful of all distempers, and fear of it in this county, particularly by arrival of a ship at Burlington, which is ordered to be burnt.

8. Die Dom. Morning, in the beloved library; and as the daylight began to dispel the darkness of the night, so that of my mind in some measure. Mr. Cookson preached from Ephes. v. 8; afternoon, Mr. Forster preached from 1 Cor. iv. 6: It is rash judgment, when upon uncertain reports, when the party is not present to defend himself, when a judge acts the part of a counsellor against him; when from a single act habits are inferred; when from the evils that befal a man: it is unjust to God and man, and foolish also, for he must needs neglect his own concerns that is so busy in other men's.

9. Morning, read Henry; transcribed the prayer to be used during the continuance of our danger from the plague; writ about Bibles, and for poor

* Thoresby's old correspondent, Bishop Nicolson, who was translated from Carlisle to Londonderry in 1718.

ministers, till eleven; afternoon, visited by the Bishop of Man's son, Mr. Wilson, till four, when walked to the Bank, where Mr. Bingley, my son's brother coming, detained us too long.

10. Morning, read and writ till past ten, when a clergyman and merchant from Sweden, coming to see the curiosities, prevented me of church; part of the afternoon with them at Mr. Buck's.

17. Forenoon as usually; then writ till about three; showing the museum to some gentry from Ireland, till dark.

23. Morning, read Henry; writ extracts from Sir John Lewys's manuscript, till eleven; afternoon, finished my perusal of the said manuscript, wherein some things remarkable of Sir John's favour with the King of Persia, &c.; the good use this religious Baronet made of his wealth, may be in part seen by the regulation of his hospital, at Ledsham.

24. Read till light; then writ to my Lady Betty Hastings about ditto Manuscript, and to Mr. Gale, about his father's, till eleven.

25. Read till light; afternoon, amongst charity-books received from London; evening, with relations, at cousin Cockhill's.

26. Morning, amongst ditto books; sorting them for the charitable persons who desired me to write for them, till five; visited by Mr. L. and H., and again prevented of evening prayers.

28. Morning, walked to Hunslet with Mr. Paley's

charity-books, and to Mr. F.'s about business; after, writing, and putting up ditto books for Mr. Frogget, till evening, with Mr. Mason, from Ireland.

31. Read Henry; then writ till eleven; at church; concluded the perusal and brief extracts from Dr. Nieuentyt's Religious Philosopher, translated by my learned and ingenious friend, John Chamberlayne, Esq., in three volumes, wherewith I have been often much affected; was after at Mr. Pendlebury's, to return him the said books.

Feb. 3. Morning, read Henry; then abroad about business, till eleven; at church; had good Mr. Frogget's ingenious company; read the learned Mr. Anstis's Specimen of the History of the Knights of the Garter, full of curious matter, and correcting mistakes in the best authors extant.

4. Read Henry; then about manuscripts till eleven; afternoon, making an Index to Mr. Perkins's Manuscripts till near evening.

5. Die Dom. Morning, read Bishop Wetenhall of the Sacrament; Mr. Paley preached from 1 Cor. x. 31, If our hearts were as full of divine love as they ought, it would be more manifest in our behaviour to our friends and neighbours, both in acts of kindness and reproof, which is as necessary, but to be performed with wisdom and caution; carry this disposition into our religious performances, (of which, hereafter,) only he took occassion to reprove, and justly, the ceremony of bowing to one another

in time of divine service, which is preferring our respects to man before the service of the great God; this, set on by his usual fervency, will, I hope, restrain that licentious custom. Afternoon, Mr. Barnard preached from 1 John ii. 15; insisting upon 1st the lawful, 2d the sinful, love of the world, when our affections are immoderately fixed upon the pleasures and profits of it, making them the Diana, &c.

6. Read Henry till light, and writ till eleven; at church; after dinner, at son Wood's; walked to Coit-Beeston, to visit the ingenious Mr. Forster, indisposed; stayed late enough; saw an unusual phenomenon in the air, that we could see to read some words by the light of it, some hours before the moon rose.

9. Read Henry; wrote till eleven; at funeral of Mr. East's son; this day was also buried W. Jackson, in the prime of his days; dined at cousin Cookson's, with Chr. Gale, Esq. Chief Justice of Providence and all the Bahama Islands, who spent the rest of the day with me in the museum.

10. Morning, read and wrote till eleven; at church; afternoon, at the funeral of Mr. T. Rontree, one of the Lords of this Manor, that might have been expected to survive me.

11. Read, &c.; then visited again by Judge Gale and Captain Denbigh, to see the collections, which prevented my getting to the morning prayers; (and

this has been a sad week, being so slippery that I could not once get to the evening, without hazard.)

13. Morning, read Henry; then with Mr. Roebuck; designed to walk to Ledstone-hall; we visited in our way Mrs. Ibbetson, at Kippax, (the Doctor's mother,) and got to my lady's in good time. I was agreeably entertained by the pious Lady Betty with books; so, after supper, with the Lady Katherine and Lady Margaret. Mr. Roebuck read in Burkitt upon the New Testament before family prayer.

14. Morning; after the usual chapter and family prayers from the Manual of Devotions, we walked to Ledsham, where this pious lady is now erecting a very handsome and convenient vicarage-house, and also a very noble charity-school, wherein twenty poor girls are to be wholly maintained with food, raiment, and learning; returned through the Park in time for the second of the four times of prayer in this religious family; spent rest of day in converse; and evening, at my lady's request, explaining some difficulties in heraldry and pedigrees, wherein her ladyship showed herself a wonderful proficient.

15. Morning, walked to Brotherton to visit my sister Rayner and family; called also to visit the learned Mr. Daubuz's widow, who gave me the first rough draught of his admirable treatise upon the Revelations; her mother, the pious and learned Dr. Guide's widow, came in to visit me; returned in

time to dine with my lady. Evening, there was dancing for health of the body, and prayers for the soul.

'16. Morning, after family prayers took leave of this incomparable lady and her sisters, the Lady Katherine and Lady Margaret; then returned with Mr. Roebuck, my fellow traveller; visited Mr. Read, 'Vicar of Kippax; received from himself an account of his surprising distemper, a periodical return at spring and fall of the symptoms that attended the bite of a serpent; *inter alia*, his skin is discoloured like a snake's; he showed me also Dr. Mead's prescription for it. After a moderate refreshment at Whitkirk, we got well home in good time; was the evening at the vicarage, &c.

21. Morning, read Henry; wrote to Lady Betty Hastings; after dinner showing museum to Mr. Sawray, of Broughton Tower.

23. Morning, read Henry; then taking a catalogue of seventy-four Roman and Greek medals, (part of the late Mr. Laughton's* collection at Cambridge,) the noble present of Mrs. Farmery, of Tickhill, received yesterday, till eleven; afternoon, proceeding in Camden's Brit. for the Bishop of Lincoln.

25. Wrote a letter of thanks to Mrs. Farmery; then about Camden, &c.

March 8. Morning, read Henry; then writing to

* John Laughton, B.D. of Trinity College, Cambridge, keeper of the University library. Mrs. Farmery was his near relation.

the Bishop of Lincoln, to whom sent the three Ridings of Yorkshire, with the maps corrected. Mr. Exley preached from Heb. iv. 9, "There remaineth a rest." Afternoon, visited cousins Wilson and Kirkshaw; had Mr. Paley's and Mr. Barnard's company.

9. Morning, read and wrote till eleven; finished the perusal of the first and second parts of the ingenious and pious letters, between Theophilus and Eugenio. Afternoon, walked to Coit-Beeston, to visit dear Mr. Forster, indisposed and spiritless; stayed too late with Mr. L. and H.

10. Writing to Mr. Lewis, of the Isle of Thanet, concerning Wickliff, (whose Life he is about to publish, and desires my assistance.)

14. Morning, read and wrote till eleven; after, finished perusal of the History and Antiquities of Cambridge; some of the former part, by Cantalupe, is in the old strain, from Gurgant; but in the latter, by Parker, are many things worthy of remark. After, to visit I. S. sick and poor.

15. Morning, wrote till eleven; at church. Mr. Thomson, I believe, preached well, but I was an unprofitable, if at all, a hearer; his voice extended not to my dull ears. Afternoon, at cousin Cookson's, and with Mr. Paley, to visit cousin Wilson.

20. Finished second perusal of the letters and proposals for printing the New Testament and Psalter in the Arabic language, for the benefit of the poor

Christians in Palestine, &c., which is a most excellent charity, and for which I have procured and paid several subscriptions, &c.

28. Read Henry; then upon Manor accounts till eleven; after, till four, with Parson Robinson, and cousin Aldburgh till evening. This day, died Mrs. Brearey, the first who died Mayoress of Leeds.

29. Read and wrote till church-time. Mr. Carr preached from Matt. xi. 30, concerning the uneasiness of a sinful course, and the pleasure of a religious life. Afternoon, conversing with the dead; reading letters to me, anno 1704, above thirty of my then correspondents, mostly learned and pious men, being since dead.

31. Read Henry; sent for to poor cousin Addison's; she died this morning in her sleep, and two wakers by the side of her, yet knew not of it till some time after. Afternoon, with Mr. Moult, assisting Mr. W. in sending books to his son, a minister in the West of England.

April 2. Die Dom. Read Bishop Wetenhall, of Closet Devotion in Secret Prayer; humbly desirous of dear Mr. Forster's recovery to his edifying and eloquent preaching, and former usefulness; as also in compassion to poor Mrs. Ray, who is in great misery and pain.

4. Morning, read Henry; wrote till eleven; after, walked to Coit-Beeston, to visit dear Mr. Forster; found him very weak; was much troubled when he

told me he looked upon himself as a dying man; was burning some papers. When I expressed my concern, he told me it was imperfect matter, not his Sermons and Common-place Book, which, in his will, that he had begun, he bequeathed to me, if worth my acceptance. I returned with a sad heart, fearing I shall never see him again in the land of the living.

5. Morning, read Henry; wrote to London. Mr. Claphamson preached from Psalm xv. 12. Afternoon, read letters of deceased friends, and wrote till evening prayers.

6. Morning, conversing with the dead till eleven; at church; and after, till four, when showing collections to the little gentleman with the great name, Mr. Wyndham, with whom at the Saxon's too late.

10. Morning, read Henry; finished second perusal of the agreeable letters, (amongst which, one of King George's,) relating to the Protestant Mission at Tranquebar; then writing to Judge Gale. Afternoon, at the Vicarage, with son Wood.

12. Read Henry; wrote to Mr. Secretary Newman about charity books, and Arabic version of the New Testament; sent him a bill for 24*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.*

19. Had more severe pain in the back of my head than I have had for several years past. Read Henry; then writing about earnest business for Mrs. Ray and another widow, and cousins. Afternoon read and wrote till evening prayers.

20. Had a restless night for my dear son, because of the storm of wind and rain: about ten was happily surprised by his safe arrival. Afternoon we walked to Coit-Beeston, to visit Mr. Forster, who is very weak. In return, visited the two ingenious surveyors; after had Mr. Lucas's company.

21. Morning, had son's assistance in family; then to breakfast at Alderman Cookson's; took leave of him, who is for France; then walked to son Wood's. Had my three sons and daughter at dinner. Afterwards to visit sister Wilson till evening prayers, when my dear son officiated, and I hope his voice will reach the church. Had afterwards Mr. Thursby and the Saxon's company till late.

23. Die Dom. My dear son preached for the Vicar, from Psalm xxxvii. 37. "Mark the perfect man," &c. Showing very well, 1st, what sort of person the perfect and upright man in the text is, not to be undersood of a person that has attained the state of sinless perfection, which is not to be expected in this mortal life, but such as is depicted in the sacred scriptures, particularly Psalm xv., Job xxxi., Matthew v.; a man who, though burdened with the infirmities of this mortal body, and subject to a great variety of imperfections which he daily bewails, yet still aspires to things divine, and breathes after God .... we are like persons rowing against the stream, if ever we cease to advance we inevitably lose ground. Dined with the clergy at the vicarage. Afternoon

Mr. Booth, of Rawdon, preached very well on love one to another.

May 1. Morning read, &c.; then with relations at cousin Cookson's till eleven. Afternoon walked to Coit-Beeston to the funeral of my dear friend Mr. Forster. Mr. Paley preached excellently, and gave a just and large character of the deceased, of which I hope to procure a copy: it was the most sorrowful funeral, and Holbeck chapel the most crowded, of many years. In return had Mr. Barnard's company, &c.

2. Visited cousin Whitaker; and after dinner at son Wood's. Evening had visitants, relations and others, who stayed till past midnight.

3. Morning, took leave of my dear son for Bugden, with a sad heart, it being a very rainy day, which raised the waters, to which my whole stock, two sons and son-in-law, were exposed; read a little till eleven. Afternoon wrote a little; then at cousin C.'s till evening prayers. After walked to the Bank, two sons returned safe, and left son Thoresby well, at Wentbridge. Laus Deo!

5. After usual reading, &c. perusing the parish register for Judge Gale's use, till eleven; at church; so afternoon till even.

11. Being sent for to Morley, I walked thither to assist poor old widow Judith Moore, against the abuse of her late sister Metcalf's kindred.

12. Morning, Mr. Aldred prayed in family; then

in his library, where are several valuable books; then at the funeral of widow Han. Metcalf; Mr. Aldred preached well from, "I go the way of all flesh." Afterwards had contests of T. M.'s nephews, and then returned, sufficiently wearied.

13. Morning, read Henry; then with the contending parties at the lawyers, which took up all the forenoon.

18. Morning, read; then taking an abstract from the statutes of New College, Oxon, concerning the election of the founder's kinsmen, from my valuable manuscript, for my good friend Mr. Anstis, King-at-Arms, till eleven; so after till even.

24. Read Henry; then writing to the Bishop of Lincoln; till past eleven at New Church: after read and wrote till near six, that the Rector of Birmingham came to see curiosities.

30. Morning, read Henry; then conversed with the dead till eleven. Afternoon, wrote a little, till diverted by the eldest sons of two ancient families, Sir John Gascoigne's, and Mr. Plompton's, of Plompton.

June 3. Observed with concern how much time has been consumed the last month in showing the museum to visitants, yet without any addition to curiosities.

9. Read and wrote till past ten, when unhappily prevented by an artist from York to see the curiosities; wrote till three, when at the Bark, and with

relations at church, where stood surety for my grandson Robert . . . This is the first time I ever officiated in this kind, but I looked upon myself under a prior obligation in conscience to do what I then promised for the good of its soul; spent rest of day and evening with relations there.

17. Read . . . wrote in library till eleven; and after finished the perusal of the ever famous Athanasius's Life, barbarously persecuted by the Arians for his resolute defence of the orthodox faith; and it is observable to me, from the author's notes (though it is evident he was a brisk man against the Dissenters) that the first time the article of Christ's descent into hell being inserted into any creed, was by the Arian Council at Arminum, p. 156. Walked to see my daughter and grandchild at the Bank, whither one could not get yesterday, even on horseback, for the flood occasioned by the thunder-shower.

18. Die Dom. The Vicar preached from Rom. i. 16. After dinner walked to Holbeck, where their new minister, Mr. Day, preached very well.

19. Morning, read Henry; wrote in library till eleven. After dinner walked to Hunslet, to procure a tenant, &c. Mr. Blanshard, our worthy lecturer, was this afternoon interred at Chapel-Allerton, whither he was retired for the air, dying of a consumption.

24. Rode to Wakefield to the funeral of Cousin Ben. Milner (the Alderman's brother).

25. Die Dom. Read Henry. Mr. Lowther preached very well from Acts xi. 13. Afternoon, Mr. Paley preached from Gal. vi. 9. He afterwards expounded to the catechumens the second commandment, with some curious and learned, and many practical inferences, suited to their capacities.

28. Read and wrote till eleven; at church; after, finished the perusal of the Earl of Anglesey's Memorials, wherein are some notable remarks against Popery, yet favourable to Papists; wrote till evening.

30. Morning, got family dispatched, but spent the whole day with the Herald; after dinner at Mr. Smith's; walked to Beeston to visit the two Hebrew ladies; was late enough with company.

July 1. Morning, read and writ; after, with Mr. Barnard, subscribing, with the vicar and Mr. Robinson, a testimonial for Mr. Bywater to the Bishop of Lincoln, to whom writing till noon; had ditto gentlemen to dinner, and after in library.

2. Die Dom. Morning, read; Mr. Nalson (the famous Doctor's son, who was a native of this parish) preached excellently from "There is more joy in heaven, &c.;" had Mr. Warburton, &c. to dinner; afternoon, Mr. Cockshut preached from the Acts, "What shall we do to be saved?" had friends' company to supper, &c.

3. Morning, read and writ a little; then with Mr. Warburton at the Bank; had his and his fellow

artist's company to dinner; afterwards took leave of him for York.

7. Read and writ till eleven; after, perused Dr. Stukeley's curious account of a Roman temple in Scotland, full of ancient learning.

10. Morning, read Henry; then walked to Hedingly, at cousin Betty Cockhill's request, to give her in marriage to her second husband, Mr. Morris Freeman;* spent the day with them till evening prayer.

11. Morning, read and writ till eleven; then showing the museum to Mr. Kerr, a Scotch gentleman of the Earl of Roxburgh's family, with whom dined at R. C.'s.

12. Read Henry; writ till past ten, when Dr. Skelton and relations, amongst whom, dear Mr. Thornton's daughter, came to see the museum, which kept me employed till about one.

13. Morning, read and writ till past ten, when Madam Watkinson, who is erecting a noble monument for her mother in St. John's, was desirous to consult me about the arms; after prayers, consulting manuscripts thereupon till three, when waited upon her again, and having dispatched that, stayed a little there; with the vicar and cousin Kirkshaw.

21. Read and writ till eleven; after, finished perusal of Dr. Harris's History of Kent, wherein, be-

* She was one of Thoresby's nieces, who had been brought up by him with his own children.

sides a great zeal for the Revolution, are many curiosities. Evening, had cousin Freeman to supper.

24. Morning, read Henry; then proceeding in the consideration of distributing my slender estate, by will, to my poor children, till eleven; at prayers; and after, till prevented by visitants, relations, and in the evening, the Hebrew lady from Beeston.

Aug. 15. Read Henry, and writ till eleven; after, Mr. Clegg, of Derbyshire, came to see the museum.

16. This morning I finished the perusal of my late dear friend Mr. Henry's Exposition of the Prophetical books of the Old Testament; his useful notes and practical observations have been very agreeable, and I hope profitable to me, having much affected me, as particularly that in the 11th of Jeremiah. God keeps an account how long we have enjoyed the means of grace, and how powerful those means have been; that also of the Rechabites, that the greatest blessing that can be entailed upon a family, is to have the worship of God kept up in it, from generation to generation. This is my fervent prayer for my posterity, whom I am the more concerned for, because going to leave them in a world full of temptations, having this day completed my grand climacterical year, and have now reason to compute the slender pittance of my time, rather by hours or minutes, than months or years, only I beg that the Lord would make me useful while I am continued here below, and prepare me for the celestial man-

sions above, and that religion may for ever flourish in all that descend from me.

21. Morning, read Henry; taking a review of part of my pilgrimage; then proceeding in taking account of the intrinsic value of the silver medals in the museum, in order to make a more equal distribution of my slender estate amongst my poor children; afternoon, abroad about business; concluded Mather's Essay on Illustrious Providences, wherein are many very remarkable and well-attested relations.

24, 25, 26. Was all three days in the library, so placing the ancient coins and medals, as may be best distinguished upon my death, those in the printed catalogue from those added since.

Sept. 11. Read and writ till eleven; and after till three, at funeral of Mr. Payler Smith's wife; then with relations.

12. Forenoon as usually, save to visit the sorrowful widower, who returned post from London, but not in time to see his wife alive or dead; afternoon showing collections to a gentlewoman from the Bishop of Lincoln's, and others, till evening.

13. Read and writ till eleven; then to do a kindness for an ingenious artist, and at parson Robinson's: writ a little till dark, then with Mr. L. and H. to visit Mr. Smith in his solitary state.

15. Read as usually; then had a Switzer painter upon Mrs. Ray's account; afternoon, writing letters

to Bugden, per Mrs. Dipper, and to London, per Mr. Smith; visited both, &c.

17. Die Dom. Read Henry; affected in the review of the period when the intermitting fever and apoplectic illness seized me, Sept. 1698. Mr. Breary preached from Acts ii. 27, concerning Christ's descent into hell. Hades not the place of the damned; it is more proper surely to look for the soul of Christ in Paradise, as he told the penitent thief, than with Judas, in hell. Jesus Christ completed our redemption upon the cross, not in hell.

18. Read, &c.; then showing collections to some gentlemen from Oxfordshire; rest of day in library, till evening.

22. Read and writ till past ten, when two young predicants came to consult Manuscript Bibles; afternoon, read and writ till evening.

24. Die Dom. Morning, the Vicar preached from Eccles. vii. 14; afternoon, Mr. Paley preached concerning the divine nature of Christ. I finished the perusal of the funeral sermon for Mrs. E. Bury, a gentlewoman of great learning and parts, as well as piety, able to consult her Bible in the original languages, &c.

Oct. 4. Read and wrote till eleven; and after, till three, showing collections to some friends of son Wood, (as yesterday to two Roman Catholic priests, and other gentlemen of that communion). Evening, at the wake-supper at son's.

7. All day with workmen. Finished perusal of Pacata Hibernia, during the government of Carew (Earl of Totness), the repulse of the Spaniards, &c. After evening prayers, began Plot's Oxfordshire.

8. Die Dom. The Vicar preached suitably to the occasion (the new Mayor's election) from 1 Pet. ii. 14; showing the duty incumbent on the magistrate to punish the bad, &c. else wickedness would gather strength by impunity.

12. Transcribing cousin Cookson's manuscript Journal to Holland, till seven.

16. Morning, read Henry; in library till eleven; at church. After, abroad about business; then following the corpses of my poor afflicted niece's two children, Joseph and Mary Cockhill, both dead of the small-pox, which is this year extremely fatal.

25. Read Henry, and Mr. Gale's manuscript (Account) of his memorable sea-deliverance till eleven. Afternoon, proceeding in the catalogue of medals since the printed list.

Nov. 3. Read till eleven. Much of the afternoon abroad to visit the sick. Evening, at the Vicar's, to read the Lady Betty Hastings's letter about her designed benefaction of a thousand pounds, for the building of a new church in this town, which I hope will now proceed.

8. Wrote to Lady Betty Hastings, in thanks for a 1000*l.* towards a new church.

9. Morning, read; then at Alderman Milner's about

ditto. Wrote till eleven; then to visit the poor Saxon, very ill. Afternoon, read and wrote till evening.

10. Read Waterland's Sermons and Henry; then with the Mayor, Mr. Robinson, and Dr. Brook, to enquire of my Lady's reply yesterday, and was agreeably surprised with her additional benefaction of 20*l.* per annum to be settled upon the vicarage, if the town will do the like, which it is hoped will be performed. Mr. Sympson, the Serjeant-at-Mace, his 200*l.* designed for a pious use, making 10*l.* per annum; and it is said an unknown benefactor will be the other sum. Mr. Fearn, of Holden, told me also that one Mr. Jefferson, who died lately, has left 20*l.* per annum to a parochial chapel, and as much to the Dissenting meeting-house.

12. Die Dom. Mr. Lowther preached from Matt. xi. 29, on the nature and extent of meekness; like the sun, it should shed its benign influence upon all. Persons may be divided in opinion, yet conjoined in affection. Afternoon, Mr. Paley preached from Acts xiii. 28. Afterwards, finished the perusal of Dr. Waterland's excellent sermons in defence of the divinity of Christ, which are learned and accurate, and evince the author to be a solid and pious divine, and a judicious Christian antiquary.

13. Read and wrote till eleven. Afternoon, with Alderman Milner, who gave me great encouragement as to the 20*l.* per annum to be settled upon the vicarage, but enjoined secrecy.

15. Morning, rose about five; read in Dr. Knight's Sermons and Henry, the one a learned Conformist, the other a pious Nonconformist, which reminds me of a remark good Mrs. Bury made upon reading Bishop Patrick's Witnesses to Jesus, "my soul blessed God for every helping hand to my faith, and begged more unity and purity for all that profess the Christian religion, the taste of which in any I find to unite my heart to them without distinction." To this I heartily subscribe, R. T. I now finished the perusal of the life and death of that learned, pious, and charitable gentlewoman, who expended considerable sums (and solicited others) for a stock of Bibles and practical books, to be distributed to poor householders. She had this pleasant remark upon herself, "I have acted the part of a beggar so long, that I am now almost one myself." I shall only recite one passage more, upon the death of a younger sister, "Juniors in the best sense, who have soonest done their work, and are first fit for glory."

22. Revived with my dear son's letter, about his brother's admission to the University.

26. Die Dom. Mr. Paley preached excellently from Gen. i. 1. Afternoon, Mr. Day preached from Rom. ii. 5, on the malignity of a hard heart, &c. Finished the perusal of Dr. Knight's sermons in defence of Christ's divinity; they are learned, and too necessary. Am sorry for the occasion, from the impiety of the age.

30. Read Henry and Daubuz; and after, finished perusal of my friend Mr. Collins's second volume of the Baronetage, wherein many families, as the Packingtons, &c. are admirably well done, others more indifferently; yet an useful book, though capable of amendments as well as additions. After prayers, read till about two, at cousin Wilson's and parson Robinson's, about the new designed church; and then walked to the Bank, to see poor little grandchild, for whom my heart bleeds. Evening, read as usually in Plot, Henry, and Daubuz.

Dec. 8. The Vicar preached excellently from Isaiah xxvi. 8, and suitably to the occasion, being a fast-day to avert the plague. We have distempers that take off multitudes, and unusual lights in the firmament, which though philosophy may render a natural reason of, yet may they not prove dismal presages of future calamities?

17. Die Dom. Dr. Brooke preached from Luke i. 76, 77. Afternoon, Mr. Day preached from Heb. ix. 27, 28. Read three excellent sermons in family, the late Bishop of St. Asaph's upon swearing, Dr. Knight's upon the anniversary meeting of the charity children, and Dr. Waddington's for propagation of the gospel in foreign parts, with an abstract of the Society's proceedings.

18. At cousin Wilson's about the poor's concerns. After, disposing of some plate to buy my son a gown and cassock.

21. Morning, as usually; then with trustees to distribute great-grandfather Jenkinson's dole at Woodhouse, Mark-lane, &c.

25. Was too much discomposed by the absence and indiscretion of son Richard.

26. Read and wrote till eleven. After, had Dr. Richardson's company, and read an account of the establishment for relief of poor proselytes.

27. Morning, read and wrote. The Vicar preached the anniversary sermon at St. John's, from Psalm lxxxiv. 1; and in the conclusion pressed earnestly the erection of a new church, justly celebrating the generosity of the Lady Betty Hastings; and Mr. Robinson, who upon Christmas-day subscribed the writings for the endowment of it with lands, the annual rents whereof amount now to 84*l.* I was after at the funeral of the late Mr. Rontree's only son, dead of the small-pox; and in the evening, with the two schoolmasters about son Richard, and at the Saxon's.

28. Read, wrote till eleven. Afternoon, at Dr. Brooke's, who sent for me about printing his two anniversary sermons. Read after, as usually.

30. Read Henry, &c.; then walked about four miles on business, though to little purpose: was weary, so sat down and finished the perusal of Dr. Plot's Natural History of Oxfordshire, the first, and most excellent, that was ever wrote in this kind.

31. Die Dom. Began to transcribe Dr. Brooke's

manuscript sermons; then heard the Doctor, who preached from Luke ii. 14. He insisted largely upon the excellency of the Christian religion, compared with the imperfections of the Jewish, and impiety of the Pagan. Afternoon, Mr. Midgeley preached from Heb. ix. 26.

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Jan. 7. Die Dom. Mr. Paley preached from Psalm cxxxii. 3, 4, 5, earnestly pressing the erecting of another church for the numerous inhabitants of this populous town, the rather because Providence had, upon the ungenerous failure of a pretended benefactor, raised up one of eminent piety and munificence, with whom it would be a glory to be joined in any undertaking. Showing, 1. that the building of a temple to the Lord is an act of homage which even Nature directs, and good men have in all ages encouraged. 2. That the want of another temple in this place is evident from the incapacity of the present churches to contain the inhabitants. 3. That it ought to be with a glory and beauty in some measure answerable to that immense majesty who is to inhabit it. Afternoon, Mr. Day preached the anniversary charity sermon, and pressed the case of the poor orphans so effectually, that the collections amounted to 39*l.* 13*s.* 10½*d.*

" 15. Transcribing Dr. Brooke's anniversary sermon

till eleven; and after, till four, read the two (Latin) speeches relating to the Danish mission, and rejoice in the propagation of the gospel amongst the poor Indians.

17. Read till church-time. After, showing museum to parson Robinson and his nephew Scott, the designed minister of the church to be erected.* Spent the evening with the two brother Scotts.

18. Read and wrote till eleven; and after, till near three, when showing the curiosities to three schoolmasters, with whom at the Saxon's.

24. Delivering Mr. Buck's Prospect of Leeds; was pleased to find parson Robinson (under his present indisposition) in so comfortable a frame; he told me (even with tears in his eyes) that he blessed God, who as he had given him a good estate, so also which he now found the comfort of, a heart to do good with it.

Memorandum; the Leeds men that were freemen of York, returned with green boughs, &c. and the whole town expressed all possible joy by ringing, &c. that Sir W. Milner was elected Member of Parliament, by a majority of some hundreds.

April 2. Morning, read Daubuz, &c.; then at Joseph Shepherd's till noon; read; then abroad

* The Rev. James Scott, the first minister of the intended church. He was the incumbent of Trinity Church fifty-five years, living till 1782, when he died, in the words of his epitaph, "regretted by the wise and lamented by the good, full of years and honour."

about various occasions; at Mr. Totty's with his bride, &c.

5. All day, except when at church, answering parson Smith's long letter (a sheet and half close writ) de re nummaria, about the Consular denarii.

7. Morning, had son and daughter to dinner; then a third time to assist the poor Saxon saddler, upon whom is a demand of 4*l.* 2*s.* for a debt of 5*s.* 6*d.*

8. Die Dom. Morning, Mr. Exley preached from Prov. xi. 18. shewing that the pleasures of sin are only so to a corrupt imagination; 2d, the certainty of the reward of righteousness, and the greatness compared to crowns, kingdoms, everlasting light, &c.; during the playing of the organ, I finished the perusal of a rare piece, the Lamentation of a Sinner, writ by Queen Katherine Parr, the last wife of King Henry VIII., not only an orthodox but excellent book for that age, recommended by Cecil, Lord Burleigh; afternoon, Mr. Day preached from 1 Thess. iv. 1. I afterwards catechised; heard them the Psalms, and distributed ten of the Lord Wharton's Bibles, &c.

9. Morning, read; then at the bailiff's to make an end of the poor Saxon's troublesome affair; I promised to see them paid 30*s.*, which makes above 4*l.* for a debt of 5*s.* 6*d.*

10. Morning, read till eleven; after, had Mr. Smith's company to view the Roman Consular de-

narii for his uncle; after, walked to Mr. Pendlebury's about disposing of my part of the chapel, which he highly resented, called it persecution, and reflected unworthily upon the founders, which I could not bear, that they should be at so great a charge for an ungrateful generation, many of whom are vastly rich, yet affirm, (as Mr. Ibbetson did to Mr. Hall, who has bought Mrs. H.'s part) that he will rather spend 500*l.* in law than give 10*l.* or 20*l.* to purchase a part. Mr. P.'s passion moved my mind, but I restrained myself, and the worst I said was that his expressions were very indiscreet and ungrateful.

14. Morning, read; writ to Sir W. H.; all day perusing the Baronetage (at my friend, Mr. Collins', the author's request, to make corrections and additions) except usual attendance at church.

15. Read and writ till eleven; and afternoon, about Baronets for Mr. Collins, till evening.

20. This day in like manner, till the London carrier brought me Mr. Stevens' New Monasticon.

24. Read Henry, &c.; writ till eleven; afternoon, to wait on Sir William Milner, then to visit Mr. Totty and his bride, &c. till evening.

25. Read as usually; then writ to Mr. R. Gale, and both sons at Bugden, till at prayers; afternoon, proceeding in History of Baronets till evening.

26. Morning, read and writ till past ten, when visited by an ingenious young gentleman, Mr. Edm.

Calamy, E.F.N. & P.,* who came again after dinner, to look particularly into the books; afterwards visited parson Robinson and cousin Aldburgh, till evening.

28. Was all day writing additions to History of Baronets, for my friend, Mr. Collins, the author, except when at church and a little abroad, to serve Mr. Buck, the artist.

29. Die Dom. Morning, read former Diary of a life of sin and trouble. Mr. Paley preached from Mark xxii. "Many are called, but few chosen:" who are the called and who the chosen? all to whom the gospel is preached are the former, and such as walk worthy of it, the latter; afternoon, Mr. Day preached from Gen. xvii. 1; after, I catechised till evening prayers; read an excellent sermon of the duty of obedience to governors, the gift of the pious mother of the learned author, Dr. Richard Ibbetson, whose nativity is one of the chief glories of this town.

30. Morning, read Henry and Daubuz; then abroad about Mr. Buck's business, till eleven; after dinner at cousin Wilson's; then at church; the vicar preached very well at the funeral of cousin Robert Sympson, of whom he gave a very large, yet deserved character, for patience under tedious sickness, from 1 Thess. iv. 13; showing the piteous case of such as being ignorant of the resurrection, had no hope in death, having no prospect save of following

* That is, *Edmundi filius, nepos et pronepos.*

their forefathers into a state of oblivion: 2d, what ground of comfort there is in a lively hope of a glorious resurrection of our deceased friends.

May 5. Read and writ till eleven; at church; finished the perusal of the Contents and Index of Mr. Locke's Essay concerning Human Understanding; learned and curious, as the author, with whom I dined at the Earl of Pembroke's, but some passages to be cautiously admitted, as where he says that revelation is not so sure as our reason or senses; and the famous Bishop Stillingfleet, who was learned and ingenious, as well as pious, taxes him with some odd notions, if not heterodox, about the resurrection; after evening prayers, read Vines and Henry.

8. Read as usually, till eleven; after, at Bank (whence, this afternoon, was buried old Robert Martindale's wife, said to be 106 years of age, but I believe, wanted two or three years of 100, being only twenty years old when she came to Leeds, which was in the Plague year;) stayed with daughter till evening prayers.

9. Read as usually; wrote to the Bishop of Lincoln; afternoon, read and wrote, save a little at parson Barnard's, with Astrea's poems.

10. Read and wrote all day, save when at prayers, which is of necessary use every moment; this afternoon one Cuerdon, as he was working, died in a moment, of an impostume: a woman present told me an odd passage of a man that died (seeming-

ly) at the Pot Ovens, near Wakefield, and was accordingly wound up in a sheet; but in the night, when the wakers were singing psalms by the corpse, he revived, &c.; she knew the man very well. After evening prayers, rambled to cousin Wilson's to inquire about the new church, which the committee this afternoon resolved should be within Bore-lane-end, and agreed with widow Sleigh for 175*l.* for the Kid-stack-garth to erect it in, and to be at the charge of an act of Parliament, to confirm the title.

15. Morning, read as usual; then designed to walk to my Lady Betty Hastings'; abroad till near eleven; had Mr. Lucas's company in my walk to Ledston-Hall, where I was kindly received by my Lady Betty, and all the good family; I retired so sadly fatigued, that I could not sleep for two or three hours, for pain in my feet and weariness.

16. Morning, walked about the gardens with my friend Lucas, till family prayers; then my Lady showed me what alterations were made, and what farther designed there, till parson Benson came to perform the public offices of the church before dinner, when we had also his brother parson Barnard, with whom, after the evening service, till about five; then walked with my Lady to the statuary's till supper-time; after which, Mr. Hole as usually, read Mr. Birket's Exposition before family prayer; then with my Lady and her sisters till about nine, retired.

17. Morning, had my friend's company in my

walk to Brotherton, where I found brother Rayner and family better than I expected; after dinner visited Mrs. Daubuz, and went to the church to transcribe her learned husband's epitaph; in return, visited the two brother clergymen, at the new and very neat vicarage-house, at Ledsham, built, as also a new charity-school, the last year, by this incomparable Lady Betty Hastings, with whom (after the return of the Lady Frances Bland) I could not avoid taking a pretty long tour amongst the shady trees, in the new terrace walks, where were the statues; that was fatigued, but revived with the good and pious order of the family, which was ravishing also to my friend Lucas, but I was detained so long by my Lady's condescension and kindness, that I was fatigued.

18. Morning, returned with Mr. Lucas, my dear friend, who supported me over the stiles, and where any difficulty occurred, as upon the Moor, when surprised with a mighty thunder-shower; but we got well home, and without damage from the rain, though most severely wet.

19. Morning, read; wrote a little till eleven; after, called at the vicar's to deliver my Lady's message to him; afternoon, showing curiosities to Mr. Lucas's brother, come from the remote parts of Lancashire, with whom after at the Saxon's, and then at cousin Wilson's, with my Lady's respects to him, that missed evening prayers.

20. Die Dom. Read Henry and old Diary; the

Vicar from 2 Peter i. 4. had a discourse preparatory for confirmation, (by the Archbishop, next month, at Tadcaster,) exhorting such as were come to years of discretion, and not yet been partakers of the Sacrament, to consider the vows and promises made in baptism, and to come to him, that upon examination he might with a safe conscience recommend them to his Grace, &c.; afternoon, Mr. Oates preached from Matt. ii. 8, concerning the nature of the duty of prayer; the conditions to acceptable prayer, are a pure heart, faith, and humility; afterwards I catechised till evening prayers.

22. Read and wrote till eleven; after abroad, inquisitive after the astonishing effects of the thundershower last Friday, in the vicinage of Halifax, where it took down part of Ripponden Chapel, bore down two mills, and several houses and bridges, about twenty persons said to be drowned; corpses washed out of graves, &c.

23. Read Daubuz, &c; wrote to my Lady Betty Hastings, till eleven; afternoon, at the funeral of Mrs. Robinson, widow, who died in the ninety-second year of her age: she was one of the four that died the last half-year, whose ages amounted to 400 years.

29. Morning, Dr. Brook preached the Anniversary Sermon from Psalm lxxvii. 14,—let us, to our utmost, promote a national reformation, the way to which is, every person to reform one.

31. Finished the perusal of Lord Cobham's trial, a curiosity, printed beyond sea at the beginning of the Reformation; wrote to Mr. Smith, of Melsonby; afternoon, upon Manor business, till evening.

June 3. Die Dom. Read Vines and Henry. The Vicar proceeded from Peter ii. 1, 4, to the third head, what is required in order to Confirmation. He particularly inveighed against plays, which reproof was the more necessary, because we have had in town a company of players six or eight weeks, which has seduced many, and got abundance of silver. Afternoon, walked to Holbeck, where Mr. Paley preached from "It is God gives the increase." I afterwards called with the Vicar at Alderman Milner's, to visit his son Cotton, from Staffordshire.

4. Read Daubuz and Henry; wrote till eleven, after fretting at a letter from Mr. Pendlebury, full of acrimony.

13. Read Henry; visited by Mr. Cavendish Nevile, to borrow the Statutes of New College, Oxon; then sent for by cousin Lister, who bought my twelfth part of the chapel for 12*l.*; after, had Mr. Mangay, from Oxford, and others, to see curiosities, till past six, that I was sadly wearied.

17. Die Dom. Read; walked with my dear to Batley Church, where Mr. Rhodes preached well, (though in his surplice,) but used more ceremony than at Leeds; returned to Morley, pretty well wearied with a five miles' walk, (though a little

diverted by some Roman notices cross the Street-lane to Adwalton, Atherton.) Afternoon, Mr. Alred preached very well; and I after read pretty much in Brooks's Mute Christian.

22. Read and wrote till past ten; then my dear walked with me to the prayers at Hunslet Chapel. Afternoon, about the affairs of the Meeting-house, wherein abominably used.

23. In library till eleven; after sadly fatigued in various walks, about ditto concerns; at length cousin Stubbs, half distracted, owned to Alderman Cookson and me, that she had sold to them at Mill-hill what I had bought and paid for, and have it under hand and seal thirty years ago.

28. Read; then wrote (transcribing an Act of Parliament) for the Bishop (of Lincoln) till eleven; after, informed from the lawyer, of the joint contrivance of the party, minister, and people, to cheat me out of my money for the meeting-house; then my dear walked with me to Woodhouse, where I consulted Alderman Milner; then wrote a little till evening prayers.

July 8. Die Dóm. The Vicar preached from 1 Thess. v. 17, "Pray without ceasing," showing the necessity of this duty to dependant creatures, that even the heathen in the darkest ages were convinced thereof. Afternoon, Mr. Day* preached from 1 Cor. xv. 34.

* The lecturer.

11. After prayers, finished the perusal of Mr. Pointer's account of the Stunsfield Roman Pavement; ingenious, but too smart upon Mr. Hearne.

24. Ended E. G.'s notes upon Drummond's Polemo-Middinio, and King James the Fifth's Christ Kirk on the Green; the notes are very accurate and learned, and supposed to be by the Bishop of Lincoln, when young. (Oxon, 1691.)

27 and 28. In library most of both days, save usual attendance at church; read Dr. Nettleton's account of inoculating the small-pox, for which he is famous.

29. Die Dom. The Vicar preached from 1 Thess. "Pray," &c. Afternoon, Mr. Day preached from John xiv. 15, 16, concerning the Doctrine of the Trinity, which some explode. At evening prayers, during the organ-time, finished the perusal of Mr. C. Mather's sermon of the Power and Malice of the Devils, and discourse of Witchcraft, wherein the father of lies uttered an awful truth, through the mouth of a possessed man. "If God would give me leave, I would find enough in the best of you to make you all mine," (p. 109): in the examples are some good cautions against using charms, and several well-attested relations of witchcraft and possession in New England; though a passage in p. 24 had, I think, better have been omitted, and was in itself an unwarrantable experiment.

31. Forenoon, as usually; after, with those from

W. and N. about Mrs. Ray's concerns; and after, showing the museum to Mr. Totty and relations till evening prayers, and after with them till ten.

August 1. Morning, read Daubuz and Henry; then wrote to sons, with 20*l.* bill, advising to moderation, that others' intemperate zeal may not drive us to extremes. Mr. P. preached the anniversary sermon, and was sharp (as he ought) against anti-monarchical principles, but very tender of giving the least offence to Non-jurors. After, to visit cousin Ald. and cousin S. after evening prayers.

3. Read and wrote till eleven; concluded Sir James Ware's Antiquities and History of Ireland, with his Commentary of the Prelates and Writers; is a useful book, but full of errata in the press, &c.

10. Read and wrote till eleven; after at Parson Robinson's, to learn what he has bequeathed to pious uses, which is considerable; see the particulars elsewhere; after which, visited by some Londoners, to see the curiosities, with whom at a tenant's full late.

14. Read and wrote till eleven; after, had visitants to see museum till evening; after, sent for by Sir Roger Beckwith, about Norman and English coins.

23. Read; then writing about business till eleven; afternoon, with the Vicar, to see the foundation of the new church in Boor-lane, and then showing the

museum to a native of Norway; after, to visit cousin Aldburgh.

24. Received letters from Cambridge, that "rejoiced my heart, for my son Richard's performances, &c.

27. Morning, read; then with workmen till near four, when, after an anthem sung by the charity children at the parish church, the Mayor and Aldermen, with the clergy and gentry, went in procession to the Burrow-lane, where Parson Robinson laid the first stone of the new church, (and three guineas under it for the workmen;) there was great rejoicing, and if the loud huzza seemed carnal to some, there was, I question not, much spiritual rejoicing in others; I stayed till past nine.

Sept. 6. Consulting manuscripts, &c. in a case wherein lawyer Wilson desired my assistance relating to Guisely living.

10. Read Daubuz, &c. till past two; had Parson Barnard and two of his quondam scholars, Mr. Mangy and cousin T. Whitaker, in library, till near evening prayers.

12. Read and wrote till eleven; dined at cousin Cookson's, with cousin Idle, of London, with whom and Vicar at the charity-school and new church till evening; at supper with them at cousin Wilson's.

14. Afternoon, transcribing notes from Chancellor Pearson's manuscript till evening.

17. Morning, read Daubuz, and transcribed from

Dr. Pearson's manuscript till eleven; and afternoon, till four, to wait of the Lord Irwin, at cousin Wilson's.

24. Morning, read; then wrote to the Bishop of Lincoln till eleven. Afternoon, to visit cousin Aldburgh; in return, Mr. Sagar gave me an account of the apparition himself saw; wrote a little till evening prayers

27. Read Daubuz, and finished the perusal of Dr. Johnston,* of Abbey Lands, 1687, wherein he would palliate matters; with this is bound up a curiosity, Pope Innocent the Eleventh's decree for suppressing the office of the Immaculate Conception, and several indulgencies. After dinner at the Bank; read and wrote, &c.

30. Die Dom. Read Whitby. Mr. Craister preached ingeniously from Eccles. vii. 16, "Be not righteous overmuch," against indiscretion: showing that many things in themselves good, may be bad in excess; even mortification, if to the prejudice of health; a thousand penances may not mortify one sin. 1. Be not conceited of thy own merit; those that see so much of their own, can see none in others; commonly, those who pry most into other men's concerns are most remiss in their own; measure not a

* Thoresby's old friend, Dr. Nathaniel Johnston, of Pontefract. The intent of the tract was to show the sufficiency of the titles to lands, formerly Abbey lands, founded on grants made by Henry VIII. and his successors.

man's state to God by what befalls him in this world. The reason assigned in the text is, lest thou destroy thyself. Afternoon, walked to Hunslet, where he preached from the parable of the sower, Matt. xiii. 4—8. which he explained very well.

Oct. 5. Read Whitby; writing accounts of some remarkable apparitions in pursuance of the late Bishop of Gloucester's request, the whole day, save when at Church.

7. Die Dom. Read Dr. Whitby, and Vines of the Sacrament, a judicious treatise; the twenty-second chapter, with many other places, shows him absolutely against separation, because of the sins of others, in a mixed congregation it not being a local but a moral conjunction that defiles. Mr. Paley preached from 1 Cor. xi. 26. My dear now first received at the church. Afternoon, Mr. Day preached from Prov. xiii. 20, "A companion of fools shall be destroyed."

10. Read and wrote; then at funeral of Cousin Tob. Isles; rest of day with Lords of Manor, it being the great Court day, till even.

18. Proceeding in ditto collection of apparitions, &c. except when at church.

23. Morning, read Whitby; then finished the perusal of my late friend, Mr. Daubuz's Comment on the Revelations, which is brimful of uncommon learning; explaining the mystical as well as literal sense, and giving the history of the Christian Church

in the several periods. All day within, save usual walks to church.

Nov. 5. Morning, read Whitby: Mr. Day made a very ingenious nice discourse from Luke ix. 5, 6, 7, showing that Christianity is far from destroying men for religion's sake; those most given to persecution are greatest enemies to godliness. Showing that the Church of England observes a due medium betwixt the Romanists on one hand, and the Separatists on the other; but, in the enumeration, trod gentliest upon the Non-jurors. Read a little; then had a gentleman from York to see Collections. Evening, sent for per Mr. L.

11. Die Dom. Read Whitby: the Vicar preached from Acts x. 1. insisted much upon the honour and happiness of building a new church, and beautifying the old. (Memorandum. Now the communion-table and space were enlarged to the pillars, that it is said will cost 80*l.* though the former was esteemed decent.) Afternoon, Mr. Day, from 2 Tim. iii. 16, showed well that all scripture is profitable for doctrine, &c.; an unseasonable visit prevented noting the heads.

25. Die Dom. Morning; the Vicar preached very well from Lev. xxiii. 3, showing that the dedication of the seventh day to the worship of God was appointed at the creation, and no doubt observed by the antediluvian patriarchs before the renewal of it at Horeb, and the institution of the Christian Sab-

bath is confirmed by the practice of the Apostles and of the Christian Church in all ages, and what is required to a due observation of the day. Read Charnock till evening prayers, when great disturbance, Mrs. Mangey being buried with torch-light.

Dec. 9.—Die Dom. Read as usually; Dr. Brook preached from Luke iii. 4. Afternoon, at the funeral of my dear cousin Aldburgh; the Vicar preached from Isa. xxvi. 3, showing that the sense of his own unworthiness may discourage a pious soul, but he must stay himself upon the mercy of God, and manifest his sincerity by his constant obedience; then gave a just character of her, but vastly short of her deserts, who to the advantages of a good family and religious education, added a most exemplary piety. This ingenious, pious, and charitable gentlewoman has left 10*l.* to the Charity-school.

14 and 15. Nothing remarkable at home, but a flood, wherein a child drowned and a soldier hardly escaped. Transcribed an indulgence for a wavering Romanist.

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Jan. 1. Read Whitby upon John, and concluded his learned sermons against the Socinians and Romanists; wrote a little, but diverted by a gentleman come to Leeds purposely to see the curiosities, but though lately at Rome, added nothing to them. Afternoon, at Dr. T.'s; and evening, invited by

Alderman Milner to the clergy feast; stayed late enough.

4. Morning, read; then took a walk, designing to visit the Lady Betty Hastings; had dear Mr. Lucas's company, and having baited a little at Whitkirk, proceeded vigorously; visited good Mrs. Ibbetson, the learned Doctor's mother, and got well to Ledston-hall, where most kindly received by the pious lady.

5. Read till family prayers; then with the three ladies, till the Vicar of Ledsham came to read the church prayers. After dinner, the ladies took the air; upon their return, my lady read some very curious letters till evening, that my Lady Frances read to us the Reformed Devotion (preparatory to the sacrament) till the parson read the evening service. After supper, had religious conference till the steward's table and the subaltern being finished, the servants of the upper and lower house were called up. Mr. Hole, by my Lady's appointment, read our late friend Mr. Nelson of the Festivals, to instruct them as to the Epiphany; then a chapter as usually before family prayers; after which all retired to their private devotions, blessed be God for such exemplars! Mr. Lucas, to save my eyes, read in Bishop Taylor of holy living.

6. Die Dom. Morning, read ditto; then walked to the church at Ledsham. Mr. Benson, after a good sermon, administered the sacrament. Walked

home through the Park, yet fatigued enough. Got not to church in the afternoon, but read till my Lady and family's return. After which, several poor neighbours and tenants were admitted, for whose instruction an excellent book was read, and afterward we sung the 100th Psalm with great affection; some in the other rooms, for we had three at least, sung the bass very well, that it was pleasant as well as pious. My friend Lucas also told me afterwards, that he was never so ravished in his life in the ordinance. After supper, the family was again called together, and Birket upon the Epistles read before family prayer. How pleasant is a Lord's day thus spent in his service! I had, in private, some very refreshing discourse with my Lady concerning the knowledge the saints shall probably have of one another in heaven.

7. Morning, read till time of family prayer; then with my Lady till near noon, that parson Benson came to read the prayers of the church. After dinner, when the three ladies were gone to take the air, enjoyed the rest of the good family with the parson, who stayed to read the evening service. After which, very agreeably entertained by my Lady with original letters and books till supper-time; and after, till the family was called up, when Mr. Hole read Birket as usually before prayer.

8. This day in like manner, only evening not so pleasant because to take leave.

9. Rose pretty early; then returned with my dear friend Lucas to Whitkirk, and, after a necessary refreshment, to Leeds, where found family well. The Vicar also welcomed me with the acceptable news of my being unanimously elected (together with the present Mayor and Recorder) one of the trustees for the advowson of the Vicarage of Leeds, who are also to elect the ministers of the new church, after the first nomination by Mr. Robinson, who gives the endowment of above 80*l.* per annum.

10. Morning, read Whitby; wrote a little till eleven; then at cousin Wilson's, who acquainted me with the circumstances of the elections on Saturday last. Spent evening at the Saxon's, with Mr. Lucas.

12. Forenoon, as usually. After, showing museum to Monsieur St. Amont, Sir Reg. Graham's eldest son, and Captain Haley, which stayed me so long, that I got cold.

21. Morning, read Whitby; wrote to Mr. Boulter and Dr. Woodward till eleven. Afternoon, had Sir Roger Beckwith's company till dark.

22. Morning, read and wrote; perusing the old agreement between the Abbot of Coverham and the Prioress of Ellerton for the tythe of Ellerton, at Sir Roger's request, till eleven. After at cousin W.'s till three; wrote till dark, visited by Mr. L. and H.

26. Forenoon, as usually. After, partly abroad and partly in library, amongst papers given me by Sir Roger Beckwith to place amongst autographs.

Read Dr. Fiddes's very candid Essay on Cardinal Wolsey's Life, New Monasticon, &c.

27. Die Dom. Read Whitby. The Vicar preached from Coloss. ii. 8; reproving such as disallowing the authority of Scripture, flee to tradition, as though oral traditions were preferable to Divine revelation. 2. Such as look upon the Scripture as a dead letter, how can such distinguish betwixt revelation and enthusiasm? 3. Freethinkers, who set up their own reason in opposition to revelation, as if Scripture was an encroachment upon it. Afternoon, Mr. Horne preached from "Watch and pray;" if the Son of God did so, how much more need we? Concluded (during the organ-time) Clark's Abridgment of the Historical parts of the Old and New Testaments; a good epitome.

28. Read and wrote till eleven; rest of day collating original charters, and marking them as now printed in the New Monasticon.

30. Read Whitby. Mr. Day preached suitably to the anniversary solemnity, from "Lay not innocent blood to our charge," vindicating the church in the appointment, and showing how it should be observed with humility, mourning, and lamentation, even to the fourth generation, though innocent in our own persons.

Feb. 1. Read Whitby till past nine, when prayers began sooner for sake of the trial before the Chancellor about the living at Guiseley. A place was

prepared in the choir, and a vast concourse of gentry, &c. Dr. Denny, Rector of Spofforth, was Foreman of the Jury, which consisted of gentlemen and clergy. The case of three claimants; Mr. Hitch, Trinity College (Mr. Witton), and the Duke of Norfolk (Mr. Plaxton), in right of Sir Nicholas Sherburn,* was contested till four by the Recorders of York, Lancaster, Kendal, lawyers Wilson, Johnson, and other counsel. In the evening, the Jury brought in for Robert Hitch, Esq. I stayed till the trial was over, and then went with Mr. Lucas to the Saxon's.

6. Read Whitby; wrote to sons, &c. till eleven. After evening prayers, concluded the Miseries of the Inferior London Clergy, which is wrote with a great deal of spirit.

11. Ended Dr. Hancock's Febrifugum Magnum, an useful and excellent piece for cure of fevers by common water. Read till eleven; after abroad awhile; then wrote till evening prayers.

18. Morning, transcribed arrears of manor rents till eleven; read Dr. Woodward's judicious account of Roman antiquities, found near Bishopsgate, London; afternoon, to visit Parson Robinson, &c.

20. Read, and wrote to Bugden till eleven; finish-

* This is not very clearly expressed. The three claimants were Robert Hitch, Esq.; Trinity College, Cambridge; and the Duke of Norfolk, in right of his Duchess, the daughter and heir of Sir Nicholas Sherburn, who had possessed the manor of Guiseley. Mr. Witton and Mr. Plaxton appear to have been clerks presented by two of the claimants.

ed the perusal of Dr. Whitby's learned Paraphrase and Annotations on the New Testament.

24. Die Dom. Mr. Hyde, of Royston, preached from 1 Tim. iv. 8, showing that a pious life contributes much to the attainment of riches, honour, and pleasure. Afternoon, Mr. Day preached from Jer. vii. "Amend your ways." Showing the necessity thereof on several accounts: one was for the sake of the Church, persons pretended to be zealous for; they that would fight and die, let them live for it. At evening prayers, the Vicar began his annual Catechetical Lecture.

March 4. Took leave of my dear wife and family; rode to Wakefield; took coach for London, in hopes to see both my dear sons at Bugden, and publish the Vicaria Leodiensis. The whole company were from Leeds to London, that encouraged me for the journey. We baited at Elmsal, passed by Nostel and Wragby, where the late Sir Rowland Winne and his lady were buried in the same grave: we lodged at Doncaster.

5. At Newark, passed Trent with ease as well as safety: in great danger last time I passed it.

6. At Grantham was revived with the public prayers. Mr. Smith preached the Lady Camden's lecture, from "not the form, but the power of godliness." After dinner, we continued our journey to

7. Stamford, where we lodged the third night, as we did the fourth at Huntingdon, where both my

sons, from Bugden and Cambridge, met me in health. I was much comforted with the sight of them.

8. We called at Bugden, but could not stay; took leave of my sons. The Lord bless them, &c.!

9. We lodged at Stevenedge; baited at Barnet, and after got well to London.

10. Die Dom. Morning, walked to Temple-bar; then took coach for Westminster, to wait of Mr. Br. Heard the sermon at St. Clement's in return, where a young minister preached well, concerning the power, wisdom, and goodness of God. After dinner, walked with Mr. Smith to his brother Harper's, where courteously entertained, but prevented of the afternoon sermon. Called to visit cousin Idle, at the Temple, and, in return, had the pleasing opportunity of evening prayers at Ludgate.

11. Morning, visited by Mr. Warburton, Somerset herald, who kindly accompanied me to several artists, and the greatest printing-house in Europe, viz. Mr. Tonson's; to the library at St. Paul's Church; had the company of Captain Stevens, author of the New Monasticon, and Mr. Smith, of Exeter Exchange; returned in time for prayers at St. Laurence Jewry.

12. Discharged my lodgings at the inn, and removed to Mr. Payler Smith's; afternoon, visited the relict of my late ingenious friend, Robert Dale, Esq. who died 4th August last.

13. After prayers at St. Paul's, at Mr. Batley's and other booksellers, &c.

14. Visited Mr. Collins; dined at Mr. Harper's, who showed me a curious pedigree of the Lord Chief Justice Coke's, and a large manuscript, wherein are recorded the deeds of 20,000*l.* per annum that he purchased. We viewed the gardens and terrace walks at Lincoln's-inn; I was after at the Royal Society, where met with several of my old friends, Sir Hans Sloane, Dr. Halley, &c. and several ingenious gentlemen; and at the Grecian coffee-house, with Dr. Stukeley.

15. Walked to Moor-fields, to visit cousin Whitaker, the Doctor, and thence, a tedious way to Spital-fields; received the money I had lent son Wood, of his chapman; then walked to Thames-street for Mr. Bainbridge; was sufficiently weary, yet obliged to attend Mr. Harper to the eating a barrel of oysters at a tavern, though I loved them not.

16. Went by water to Lambeth; paid Mrs. Dipper two guineas, sent by her father; walked thence to the Archbishop's palace, where courteously received by Dr. Wilkins; viewed the pictures of several learned men; then walked to Petty France, to visit my old friend Mr. Chamberlayne, where I met with several curious and learned gentlemen, foreign and English.

17. Die Dom. Mr. Broughton preached very

well at St. Paul's, from Psalm xc. 15. I dined at Mrs. Dale's, and went thence to the Heralds' Church, where Mr. Middleton preached well, but his Scotch tone made me less profitable.

18. Walked to Moor-fields; paid cousin H.'s two guineas to Dr. Whitaker, for Mrs. Gill; dined with Mr. Boulter; thought Mr. Smith's propositions, about printing my manuscript, very hard, especially considering his promises, and the benefits he received from above one hundred charters I communicated to him for the New Monasticon Anglicanum, for which Mr. Batley gave him 10*l.* to come in as a sharer.

19. At the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; met with several excellent persons, Lord Percival, but especially Sir John Phillips and Sir Daniel Dolings, with many pious divines, and my old friend Mr. Newman, the Secretary; was mightily pleased with the accounts transmitted to them from various parts. After, walked to Southampton-buildings, where my kind friend Roger Gale, Esq. had invited several learned men to dine with me, the celebrated Browne Willis, Esq., the Admiral's chaplain, Mr. Tookie; but Dr. Stukeley being confined with the gout, Mr. S. Gale walked with me to visit him, who showed me draughts of many Roman stations he had drawn, and designs to publish. I walked thence to visit cousin Cookson's daughter.

20. Walked from Paul's, four long miles, to Dr. Brooks's lodging, upon his kind letter, suggesting

what he thought would be for my advantage; but I found it was nothing but what I knew before, relating to the Bishop of Lincoln's translation to London; but he walked with me to both Houses of Parliament, and thence to St. James's, where their address was presented to, and read before the King, who looks well. Sir William Lowther carried us in his own coach to his house, near Hanover-square, (a new and spacious one,) where we dined, and were courteously entertained, his lady and daughters being desirous to see the museum. I afterwards walked to Crown-court, Westminster, to visit Mr. Wogan and his spouse, with respects from Lady Betty Hastings; was sufficiently fatigued; walked by candlelight from that remote part of the town to my lodgings, but called not, as requested, at the Society of Antiquaries.

21. At St. Paul's; after walked to Exeter Change, and thence to Pall-mall, where most kindly received by Sir Griffith and Lady Boynton; dined with them, and rest of relations there; and in return called at the Royal Society, where voted for the admission of a foreign Prince, (de Cassano, as I remember,) and a physician of Constantinople; got time enough for evening prayers at Ludgate.

22. At the Heralds' Office, with Mr. Le Neve, Norroy, viewing some of his many rare manuscripts, and some coins of Mr. Miller's; then writing to my dear and sons. After dinner, walked to the two

Exchanges in the Strand; spent time and money in agreeing with Mr. Smith, for printing my manuscript, of which I am to take off forty, he to give me ten. I sent the first sheet to the press.

23. Writing letters till noon; from the chophouse, went to visit Mrs. Drake and her sister Vandeput. Afternoon, with the printer, Mr. Hunter; had visitants, Mr. Chipping; then read the agreeable account of the Charitable Society for the sick and needy in the new erected infirmary at Westminster, wherein 582 persons have already been relieved.

24. Die Dom. . . . Walked to Lincoln's Inn chapel, where Dr. Lupton preached excellently from 1 Cor. . . . Afternoon, a stranger preached very well at the church without Temple-bar, on self-examination. I dined at Mr. Gale's; had the happy convenience of evening prayers on my return home.

25. Troubled that I missed prayers at St. Paul's, which began betwixt five and six, without any previous notice of the hour; then transcribing the orders of the Society of Antiquaries, lent me by the President, Mr. Le Neve; visited by Mr. Boulter, dined with him; much pleased with the company of his aged uncle, Dr. Cox, F.R.S.

26. Morning, rose early . . . wrote to Justice Robinson; walked to Mr. Newman's, and thence to the Society for the Promoting Christian Knowledge, where met with several of my ancient acquaintance, Sir John Philips, Sir Dan. Dolings, Mr. Cham-

berlayne, &c. stayed till two. After, had Mr. Micklethwait, and the Algebraist's company at my lodgings.

27. Morning, rose about five . . . walked to the Bishop of Lincoln's, but missed of his Lordship, who being one of the Lords of the Secret Committee, was early about that affair; had the same fate at Mr. Wogan's; in my return dined at Mr. Smith's, and received a specimen of the Vicaria Leodiensis; corrected it; read till evening prayers. After, had the company of the ingenious Mr. Salkeld (formerly of Leeds) now an author, and translator of Monsieur Montfaucon.

28. . . . Walked a great way in quest of my nephew Hough, and to Sir John Ingleby's; was pleased with the learned Mr. Cowper's company, who gave me his sermon preached before the Judges. After dinner at Mr. Gale's; went with the two brothers to see Mr. Rogers's ingenious machine that he has invented for turning medals in ivory or box, in bas-relief, which was surprizing as well as curious, I bought one or two of them: was after with the elder brother at the Royal Society.

29. Morning, walked to St. James's to procure of Mr. Frankland the Act of Parliament for the Bishop of Lincoln; he showed me some Roman signets and intaglios which he bought at Rome, also some original pictures of Oliver Cromwell, his wife, and other relations (done by the best painters), daughter Clay-

pole, admirably done in miniature. Dined with Mr. Boulter at his lodgings; was agreeably entertained with variety of curious prints and rare books, particularly Montfaucon of Antiquities, in French and Latin; he gave me a distinct translation of part of it done for his own use by a French Refugee, whom he charitably employed, and paid for doing it.

30. . . . Walked to Moor-fields about Cousin Huntington's business, which had like to have miscarried, and the lace been lost through indiscretion, but I recovered it after denial, and delivered it safe to Mr. Chipping; then visited Mrs. Drake: after, walked to Mr. Smith's in vain for a sheet from the printer's; had unexpectedly Mr. Boulter's company.

31. Die Dom. Morning, called at Mr. Hunter's. Walked to the Bishop of Ely's chapel, where Mr. Herring, his chaplain, preached excellently, and had a discourse too seasonable, against perjury and popery. After dinner at Mr. Collins's; I went to Lincoln's Inn chapel, where a stranger preached well, so far as I could hear, but that alas was not much: in return had an opportunity of prayers, and a Charity Sermon, at St. Dunstan's, to a serious auditory, which was comfortable.

April 1. Rose pretty early .... after prayers walked to St. James's, received the Act of Parliament from Mr. Frankland concerning Thirkleby Church: walked thence to Mr. Sharp's, in Queen-square, beyond the Park, who showed me several

curious books, and the draught of the Archbishop's tomb, and he with his brother, Dr. Mangey, promised me a version of it. I walked thence to wait on the Bishop of Peterborough, who received me most kindly, and was thankful for what I had at several times communicated for his history of impropriations. I now carried an account of two other benefactions to churches, that were new to his Lordship. I returned well wearied by noon, yet refreshed with the sight of some curious manuscripts in the famous Cotton Library, where I was very civilly received by the librarian, Mr. David Casley, who was born at Beeston, in our parish; in my return, I met also with the celebrated Dr. Tancred Robinson. After wrote till six; the two surveyors, and Mr. Warren, of Essex, detained me at the Old Parr's Head, till nine.

2. . . . Walked again to Westminster, but the Bishop of Lincoln's occasions were so pressing, that several eminent Divines, D. D.'s, were dismissed as well as I: in my return, I heard at the Cotton Library, that the Bishop of London was dead: was after at the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge . . . got promise of books for Leeds; returned sooner in hopes of meeting Mr. Strype, *adhuc in vivis,* but disappointed.

3. Morning . . . walked from Paul's to the printer's, being uneasy at their delay. After dinner, read and wrote till evening prayers; then at Mr.

Le Neve, the President's request, walked to the Society of Antiquaries, by whom caressed more than I deserved; met with some clergy, lawyers and others, very obliging, as Simon Degge, Esq. great grandson, and heir to Sir Simon the author; was pleased to meet with Mr. Kirkpatrick, from Norwich, the history of which place he is writing. Mr. Vertue desired from me the Memoirs of Cousin Lodge to insert with Hollar, &c. The King-at-Arms was very kind in suffering me to lean upon him in my return.

4. Went to the College of Arms, where Mr. Norroy (P. Le Neve, Esq.) entertained me agreeably with the sight of some curious manuscripts relating to Yorkshire. Mr. Jones, the Registrar, was also desirous of my acquaintance, and gave me the Moderator and other things of his own writing, though without name; after dinner, walked to the Royal Society, where I met with several of my old friends, particularly the famous Mr. Derham (to whom I introduced Mr. Palmer, our Yorkshire artist) and Dr. Desaguliers; Mr. Palmer showed them his Hydrostatic engine, which was well approved, as also his new invention as to watches.

5. Received a visit from Mr. Derham, who mightily approved of Mr. Smith's new map of Middlesex, Essex and Hertfordshire. I corrected a sheet from the press, and read Montfaucon, till six, at evening prayers; after, sent for by Dr. Woodward to the auction at Paul's Coffee-house, where some of Mr.

Rawlinson's books sold at a prodigious rate, but I bought nothing.

6. Walked to Petty France, but Mr. Chamberlayne being Secretary, was engaged with the Lord Chancellor, and other Commissioners for the Queen's Bounty, who being met at the Banqueting-house, at Whitehall, I missed of him; after return, was most kindly received at the Heralds'-office, by John Anstis, Esq. chief King-at-Arms, who gave me the impressions of the arms of the Knights of the Garter, of the first stall, whose history he has almost finished; but was disobliged because I durst not promise him a visit at Putney, his country seat.

7. Die Dom. Walked to Mr. Newman's; was at the Temple church, where the Master, Dean Sherlock, preached very well, so far as I could hear, from 2 Cor. iv. 17, but I heard badly, though I sat in the next seat to the Benchers'; after dinner, with Mr. Newman, went again to the Temple.

8. Was at Paul's; then corrected the press; after dinner walked to the Strand to Mr. Smith's, but he being abroad, I spent most of the time with Captain Stevens, who giving me his Monasticon Hibernicum, I treated him at tavern (2*s.*); after prayers, at Baitman's, the noted booksellers, and at the auction with Mr. Maittaire.

9. Walked to the Bishop of Lincoln's; returned to the Secret Committee for Promoting Christian Knowledge, where were present one lord, three

knights, and several divines; was after with Solomon Negri about the Arabic version; after, designed for Mr. Chamberlayne's, as invited, but was kindly intercepted by Dr. Mangey, who gave me an Italian Itinerary, manuscript, and constrained me to dine with him at his brother Sharp's; in return, visited Mr. Perkins, who gave me the Duke of Buckingham's letters from Spain, when Prince (afterwards King) Charles and he were there.

11. Morning and forenoon as usually; afternoon, transcribing rest of Mr. Thomas Milner's will and benefactions, till four, at the Royal Society; I gave my vote for the Rev. Mr. Williams, to be librarian, and keeper of the Museum; he had more votes than most of the eight candidates, yet was outdone by one, viz., Mr. Hawkesby; after I had voted for Mr. Cotton Mather to be F.R.S. returned in time for prayers. This was a very large convention of the Society; I met with good old Dr. Sl. . . and other ancient acquaintance, and never saw so great a number of the Fellows together, three rooms almost filled; Dr. Tancred Robinson and I sat on the same chair.

12. Corrected a sheet from the press, and wrote an account of cures by cold waters, for ditto, Mr. Smith, since printed (but with mistakes); after, walked to the Temple, delivered the manuscript at Mr. Newman's; heard the end of a sermon at St. Dunstan's; then walked to Petty France; dined at Mr. Chamberlayne's, who gave me Ecton's Account

of Queen Anne's Bounty; in return visited Mr. Boulter, who gave me a duplicate of a manuscript, and Sir John Chardin's Travels into Persia, translated at his request by his Cousin Lloyd. Mr. Boulter showed me also sixteen or eighteen volumes of ingenious and useful manuscripts translated from foreign languages at his charge, by a French Refugee, so usefully and profitably does he spend part of his great estate for the public good.

13. Rose before five; corrected a sheet for the press; then walked to the Temple, took extracts from the Society's books till near noon. After dinner went to take leave of my neighbour, Mrs. Drake; in my way very happily met with Dr. Hancock, the pious author of several learned tracts in divinity, and lately of Febrifugum Magnum; was pleased with his conversation; then looking amongst some pamphlets; bought several Bishops and Archbishops' sermons, with others, at pence a-piece.

14. Die Dom. . . . Walked to Lothbury Church, where good Dr. Hancock preached from Col. iii. 1, 2. After dinner went to the Heralds' Church, where Mr. Middleton was upon the same subject, but vastly short of Dr. Hancock, whose sermon (though not very modish) will bide ruminating upon; in return visited Mrs. Dale and her sister; afterwards read Mr. Cook's excellent sermon upon the augmentation of a Vicarage by the Royal Bounty of Queen Anne.

15. Wrote a little till ten; then walked to Mr.

Gale's, and Mr. Harper's, but missed of both; in return met the Lord Mayor in all his pomp, with the Aldermen, Sheriffs, with a great train of charity-children, going to St. Bride's Church, all decently habited, some in blue coats with yellow vests, others brown, most with blue caps, but some with white hats and mathematical instruments in their hands. After dinner with Mr. P. Smith and relations; after at Mrs. Vandeput's, and thence to Mr. King's; sought out more valuable books at penny a-piece, as many as came to 4*s.* 2*d.*

16. Wrote till nine, walked to Westminster, but the two Bishops I designed to visit dining with the whole bench of Bishops (as it seems is usual on this day) annually with his Grace of Canterbury, I lost my labour. I went to see cousin Cookson, and in return dined and took leave of Sir Griffith and Lady Boynton. Had orders to proceed as far as 5*l.* to take off the respit from the arms of Sykes.

17. Walked to the printer's, gave the compositor a shilling to hasten his pace. Wrote to the Bishop of Peterborough; corrected a sheet from the press; and writing from the new edition of Ecton, &c. till evening.

18. Morning, as usually; then wrote letters to Cambridge till evening prayers. After, received a kind letter and packet from the Bishop of Peterborough.

19. Went to Westminster, to congratulate the

Bishop of Lincoln upon his promotion to London. Was received with more than ordinary respect and freedom. Then went by water to Fox-hall, and thence, with Mr. Boulter in his chariot, through many pleasant country towns to Kingston, where we dined; and, after passing the Thames, we returned through another part of that pleasant country to Kensington. Visited his mother, and other relations, with Dr. Haigh (*en passant*); walked from Charing-Cross in the dark to my lodging, musing upon my disappointment of Mr. Boulter's company both to Cambridge and Leeds. Had a pleasant prospect of the country at the top of the hill, but a melancholy one at the bottom; the Earl of Rochester's palace being lately burnt down with that violence that they could scarce save their lives.

20. At the printer's; then writing till dinner; then walked to Mr. Newman's about more charity books; thence to Exeter Exchange; found Mr. Boulter and Mr. Smith together; discoursed earnestly with the latter about the slowness of the press. After prayers, read in the Bishop of Peterborough's excellent advice to the Clergy of his Diocese.

21. Die Dom. Morning, walked to Lincoln's Inn chapel; Dr. Lupton preached excellently from the Revelations, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord;" showing that whatever is grievous to good men is entirely removed at death; then walked

* Dr. Gibson.

to Duke-street, Westminster ; was courteously received by Dr. Bettesworth, Dean of the Arches, the Bishop's brother-in-law, (till his Lordship returned from the Chapel Royal,) who assured me of the Bishop's good opinion of my dear son, and design to prefer him ; had after dinner a great deal of agreeable discourse with his Lordship, but the King being detained in the morning, I was too late for two churches, and being no better for prayers at the third (the poor curate being so hoarse as not to be heard,) I stayed at Ludgate Church till prayers began there.

22. Got up presently after four ; after prayers, at the printer's ; stayed an hour in vain, neither master nor man to be found ; so wrote emendations of the Baronetage for Mr. Collins, or rather transcribed what I had written for him in the country, till six at church.

23. Somewhat indisposed with cold, got last night by fresh sheets, not thoroughly dry ; after prayers, at the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge ; obtained an additional grant for bibles and prayer-books for the charity-school ; then walked to Mr. Smith's, whose promises are fruitless as to the press ; visited Mr. Collins, and gave him my additions to his Baronetage.

24. Morning, read till near six ; at Paul's ; then corrected a sheet, read manuscripts, and wrote till noon ; after dinner, at Mr. Harper's, received ten

Acts of Parliament; then walked to Mrs. Mary Milner's, who presented me with some learned (though imperfect) manuscripts of her father's, our late good Vicar's; in return, stayed with the Society of Antiquaries.

25. At Mr. Le Neve's, perusing some manuscripts, part of his late valuable purchase; then with him and other heralds; coached it to St. James's, where, after the prayer for the occasion, (thanksgiving for deliverance from the plague,) Dr. Reynolds, the new Bishop of Lincoln, preached suitably to the occasion, (a sermon) which, I suppose, will be printed; had Mr. Blennerhasset's company in the Park till I came to the Bishop of London's, with whom I dined, and had much agreeable discourse concerning his Majesty, (the Bishop read the Communion Service in the Chapel Royal,) till prayers in the new chapel in that neighbourhood; after which, returned to Mr. Smith's; had two clergymen and Captain Stevens to drink Justice Robinson's token.

26. Wrote till nine; then walked to Mr. Harper's, and coached it from Holborn to Hanover-square, to wait upon Mr. Molyneux, the Prince of Wales's secretary, who was very respectful; but his library and curiosities being at Kew, I was in part disappointed, though he invited me earnestly, but cannot possibly have time to go thither; visited also Colonel Bladen, who was very courteous; dined at Mr. Gale's; had his kind emendations, in a few places,

of my quarto manuscript. I saw there a sample of the satin, lately made at Chelsea, of English silk-worms, for the Princess of Wales, which was very rich and beautiful; after, with Mr. Newman, about charity books; he gave me a specimen of the paper, invented and made by the Protestant missionaries at Tranquebar; he showed me also Tate and Brady's Psalms, printed there in English.

27. At Mr. Horsefield's; got a bill at three days' sight for my son at Cambridge; was after at the printer's, well wearied with walks so different; wrote to Cambridge and Leeds till noon; after dinner, corrected a sheet, wrote to Dr. Hough and Mr. Strype, and took extracts from Mr. Norroy's manuscripts, till six; at church.

28. Die Dom. Morning, read Hancock of the Christian Religion, and concluded the Bishop of Peterborough's Monitions to his Clergy, till Mr. Newman was so kind as to call upon me, and give me a coach to Hackney, where Mr. Newcome preached from, "In all things give thanks;" for mercies, afflictions, nay, even infirmities—in all stations, and in all duties. He preached excellently and eloquently. We dined at our good friend's Sir Daniel Dolings, where we were generously and piously entertained; his lady gave me an account of their pious daughter, whose funeral sermon and character have already had a second edition. Afternoon, good old Mr. Strype preached very well so far as I could hear. After a

little stay at Sir Daniel's, we walked over the fields to London; met Mr. Newcome, who had been preaching there this afternoon. In Bishopsgate we called to see Mrs. Mary Maillard, who was so miraculously cured by faith in Jesus Christ when reading the second of St. Mark. I had the relation of all the circumstances from her own mouth, and the attestation by her husband who is minister of the Reformed French Church, and subscribed also by herself in my album. Got well home, and not so fatigued as I dreaded, through my dear friend's assistance and agreeable conversation.

29. Walked to Bishopsgate, and delivered a parcel for my son to the Cambridge carrier; thence to Dr. Whitaker's, in Moor-fields, and Mrs. Vandeput's; missed of both, but met accidentally with Mr. Boulter, who obliged me to dine with him at the Rose Tavern. After, walked to Exeter 'Change to reprimand the slowness of the printer.

30. Morning, corrected a sheet from the press; then walked to Mrs. Milner's, who was pleased with her father's memoirs; then at the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge till two. After dinner taking extracts from Mr. Norroy's manuscripts till five; visited by Mr. Blennerhasset, of the Chapel Royal, who showed me several of his ingenious compositions in manuscript.

May 1. Corrected a sheet; after prayers taking extracts from Mr. Le Neve's valuable manuscripts

till three; visited by Mr. Lister, a clergyman in these parts, but born at Wakefield. After church at the Society of Antiquaries till past nine; was mightily pleased with Mr. Peck, who is writing the history of Stamford, who visited me the next day.

2. Rose, as always of late, betwixt four and five; taking extracts from Mr. Norroy's manuscripts till three; delivered my Duc. Leod. at Mr. Peck's lodgings, *vide* his receipt, with promise of his history of Stamford: then at the Royal Society, where Dr. Jurin, the Secretary, read several remarkable accounts of monsters transmitted from beyond sea, and remarks upon inoculation of the small-pox.

3. With two Kings-at-Arms (Garter and Norroy) at the College of Arms till eleven; corrected a sheet till twelve: after, walked to Mr. Smith's about my book; in return, called at Mr. Newman's.

4. Wrote till eleven; walked to Mrs. Vandeput's, and Moor-fields, and in my return by Bow Church; was unexpectedly happy in being present at the translation of the (late) Bishop of Lincoln to London. I wrote an account of it to my son at Bugden.

5. Die Dom. Morning, a stranger preached well at St. Paul's, from, "Be not desirous of vain glory;" but I heard ill, and hasted to Sir Hans Sloane's, where invited to dine with Dr. Sherard, late Consul at Smyrna, but it lost me the latter part of the day, as to religion, by viewing his invaluable museum of

natural and artificial curiosities, antiquities, deities, lamps, urns, Roman and Egyptian. In return, visited and took leave of Mr. Peck, the minister and antiquary.

6. Walked to Exeter Change; delivered Mr. Smith a Ducatus Leod.: thence to Westminster, but the Bishop of Rochester being before the House of Lords, there was no admission: even the Court of Requests was locked: walked thence to Strutton-grounds, to visit Cousin John Cookson; and in return, Mr. Sharp, Dr. Mangey, and Mr. Boulter, but they were all gone into the country; returned weary, yet to no purpose. The rain prevented my going to evening prayers.

7. Rose before four; wrote from Mr. Le Neve's manuscript till eleven; at the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, whence Sir John Phillips constrained me to dine with him; so good company, and the conveniency of a coach for my bad feet, tempted me to accept the motion.

8. Wrote till prayers at St. Paul's; after at the printer's and Mrs. Vandeput's in vain. After dinner walked to Exeter Change in vain. After prayers at St. Dunstan's, with the Society of Antiquaries till ten.

9. Corrected a sheet; was at the College of Arms a little; read and wrote till three at the Royal Society, where Sir James Thornhill, the celebrated painter of the dome of St. Paul's Church, was admitted Fellow. Dr. Jurin read the minutes, pro-

duced the draughts, and some monstrous productions. Dr. Middleton Massey from Wisbeach, desired to speak with me, and told me he had some manuscripts of Dr. Whichcot's; desired my picture for his Collection, as I did his printed paper of coins; but I was best pleased with the Rev. and pious Mr. Hoole, converted from the Dissenters to the Church, about printing his book.

10. At St. Paul's prayers; went by water with Mr. Le Neve to Putney, where we were most courteously received by John Anstis, Esq. Garter, principal King-at-Arms, who gave me original letters of several of the nobility, and presented me with his original papers of the History of the Garter, so far as he could recover, and had already printed. These pleased me much better than his rich wine and most generous entertainment; from Putney we returned to Chelsea, to see Mr. Salter's Collection of Curiosities, which is really very surprising considering his circumstances as a coffee-man; but several persons of distinction have been benefactors.

11. Walked again to Mrs. Vandeput's, who gave me a very small shred of the black silk embroidery of the cloak that King Charles the First had on when he went to be beheaded; the Princess of Wales has the rest, which she purchased of the heir of Sir Thomas Herbert: in return, visited the celebrated Dr. Waterland, who has wrote so accurately and learnedly in defence of our Saviour's divinity.

Corrected a sheet, and wrote letters till evening prayers; while we were in the church there was a mighty shout in the street, which we were after told, was upon the Bishop of Rochester's passing by, some crying out, "No Popish Bishop! no English Cardinal!" but the guards restrained them as much as possible; from mobs of all sorts, *libera nos Domine.*

12. Die Dom. Lay till six, having had a bad night; Dr. Waterland preached excellently from Proverbs, "When sinners entice thee, consent thou not." I was most kindly entertained there at dinner, and had agreeable discourse. Afternoon, Mr. Oliver preached.

14. Read and wrote till past five; at Paul's; then walked to the Bishop of London's, and thence to Westminster-hall; bought Mr. Coulston's funeral sermon and benefactions; returned to Christian Society, with whom till past nine: returned with pleasure to my milk dinner. Visited by the ingenious Mr. Calamy, *Edmundi Filius Nepos et Pronepos.* After evening prayers visited Dr. Waterland, indisposed.

15. Rose before five; read and wrote till prayers, and after till near one: walked to the pious and charitable Dr. Bray's, at Aldgate; was extremely pleased with his many pious, useful, and charitable projects, which detained me most of the afternoon, that I was full late at St. Dunstan's, and yet too soon for the Society of Antiquaries, with whom I stayed about two hours, and then left them all.

16. Corrected the press, &c. till prayers; walked to Temple-bar, but was too late for Mr. Holmes; stayed a little with Mr. Secretary Newman; read abstract of Mr. Coulson's prodigious benefactions at breakfast. Dr. Gibson was this forenoon installed Bishop of London, *propria persona*, at St. Paul's; but the ceremony was over before I was aware of it: then hasted to Dr. Woodward's, who had invited several members of the Royal Society to dinner, but stayed for it till past three; was pleased with their conversation, that I was too late for the Society itself at Crane-court.

17. Walked to Exeter Change in vain; thence to the famous engraver, Mr. Vertue's, who showed me many effigies admirably well done by himself, and besides the engravings, some of the King's pictures in miniature, very curiously performed. I was also well pleased with the Memoirs he has collected of eminent artists in this, and former ages. I promised to furnish him with that of Mr. Lodge, whom all own to come next to the famous Hollar: thence I went to visit Simon Degge, Esq. who gave me an autograph of his celebrated great-grandfather of both his names, whose memoirs he designs to publish. He showed me some ancient coins and modern medals with the Roman antiquities lately found in Hertfordshire, till dinner, when mightily pleased with some delicate flowers that appeared very natural, yet were made by his lady of the curious feathers of

several foreign and domestic birds, of which flowers she gave me a specimen; he promised to procure me some of the new Irish and Plantation money of copper and Prince's metal, and I to find him of the tin money when new out of the mint.

18. Corrected a sheet for the press . . . walked to Exeter Change and Captain Stevens's in vain; could scarce pass for the crowd at Temple-bar, where Mr. Layer's head was setting up: after took a sculler for Westminster. Called at the trifling Smith's a third time this day, yet can get nothing done, but what I take care of myself. After return wrote to Leeds, Bugden, Low Layton, &c.

19. Die Dom. A stranger preached (for Dr. Waterland indisposed.) I denied to dine at the Doctor's, being to walk to Westminster, where Mr. Calamy, Junr. prayed very well, concluding with the Lord's Prayer, and preached very well concerning the evil of sin; particularly insisting upon the shame, unprofitableness, and destructiveness of sin, and had suitable inferences.

20. Lay till past five; after public prayers walked to several places where they were in bed, but was cheered as I went through Christ Church Hospital to hear them sing the praises of God; read and wrote till ten. After walked to the Bishop of Carlisle's at Westminster, to visit Mrs. Cookson, which took up much of the latter part of the day.

21. Walked to the Society for promoting Chris-

tian Knowledge; where took leave of Sir Daniel Dolings. Afternoon, with the religious Transylvanian merchant, Mr. Baba, of whose pious design, see the abstract of the Society's proceedings the last year; and then at the bookseller's.

22. Read and wrote; then with Dr. Bray, and happily met with the good Bishop of Man: at the printer's, and to enquire after Mr. Plaxton, sick; and at the Society of Antiquaries, where were Mr. Gale, Dr. Stukeley, and several ingenious artists, with specimens of their works: after my half-pint, as usually, left them.

23. Corrected a sheet; walked to Dr. Stukeley's, who gave me a model of his head: at the Royal Society, where Dr. Jurin read some ingenious papers received from beyond sea. After with Mr. Degge, and Dr. Stukeley, at the Grecian Coffee-house.

24. Visited Dr. Knight, a learned author in defence of the Essentials of Christianity. Dined with Mr. Boulter and his cousin Rowland, at the Sun Tavern.

26. Die Dom. Walked to Aldgate, where Dr. Bray preached excellently both ends of the day, concerning the Ascension of Christ. Evening, he read prayers again to a considerable auditory, especially of young persons. The charity children were catechised in Dr. Wake the present Archbishop of Canterbury's Commentary upon the Church Catechism, which was distinctly read by them, for their own

edification, and the instruction of the auditory. I was extremely surprised at the prodigious pains so aged a person undertakes; he is very mortified as to the world, and has taken abundance of trouble to have a new church erected in this large parish, though it would lessen the revenue 100*l.* per annum to him, but he hopes would be for a more general good to his parochians; he received me most kindly, was very agreeable all day, and urged me to stay supper; but I returned.

27. Morning, read; till six at church; after walked to the Earl of Pembroke's; but his Lordship being yet confined to his room, I went to Sir Andrew Fountain's, who received me kindly, and gave me a copper medal of Nero and Poppea, and the picture of the Grand Duke of Tuscany, the most ancient virtuoso in Europe. I then took a tedious walk to the Lord Harley's in Dover-street, and in vain, his Lordship being in the country. After, visited Dr. Waterland, and Mr. Clark, till evening prayers.

28. After morning prayers, with Mr. Innys; then at the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge; took leave of some dear friends, whom I never expect to see again in this world, but hope, through the merits of Jesus, to meet in a better. Spent the rest of this week in a continued hurry, packing up, and taking leave of friends, particularly the Bishop of London, who gave me good encouragement as to

my son; and the Bishop of Man, Dr. Bettesworth, Dean of the Arches, and brother to the Bishop of London; but I ought not to omit the humanity of the celebrated Lord Chief Justice Wright, whose history of the Creed I admire much. I have his Lordship's, Bishop of Man's, Dean Bettesworth's, and Sir Thomas Lowther's, (one of the Christian Society) mottoes in my Travelling Album.

June 3. I rose early: at four, walked to Holborn; had Mr. Smith's and Mr. Bland's company to the stage-coach, where had the hap of good company, and agreeable—Esquire Thornhill, of Fixby, and Mr. Barwell, of Ackworth; found the dust and heat troublesome. We lodged at Biggleswade, where enjoyed both my sons' company, and Mr. Boulter Tomlinson's, from Cambridge.

4. Morning; parted with my sons and Mr. T. at Huntingdon; we lodged the second night at Stamford, where I expected the ingenious Mr. Peck; was troubled, lest his absence be occasioned through sickness, having given him, as he requested, due notice by post.

5. Morning; continued our journey this longest stage, and reached Barnby Moor, where so many coaches, that some were ill put to it for lodgings, but by the management of Mr. Barwell, we got a good chamber, and two beds.

6. Proceeded. Dined at Doncaster; parted with my good chamber-fellow at Ackworth. Son Wood

was so kind as to meet me at his brother Croft's: at Wakefield, was attended by cousin Wilson's clerk, and his own horse for me, and cousin Cookson's man and horse, for my portmanteau. Returned wearied to Leeds, and found all in health there.

10. Morning, read Whitby; walked to cousin Whitaker's to give her a pleasing account of her son, the Doctor, at London. After, sorted papers till four: at evening with Alderman Milner, Dr. Tomlinson, &c. to drink Mr. Boulter's guinea token.

16. Die Dom. Read Whitby; the Vicar preached so well from John i. 4. "if God so loved, &c." that son Richard said he had not heard such a sermon since he left Leeds. Afternoon, Mr. Day preached very well, and though I was not so heavy, yet an unprofitable hearer.

29. Morning, rose by four; my fellow traveller calling upon me to begin our journey by five; then walked the low-road, and got to my Lady Betty Hastings' before noon, where was happy, not only in that lady's company and her two sisters', but the pious Dr. Smith's, (Chaplain to the Prince of Wales,) from whom I received a remarkable account of Mr. Hope, curate of Easington: *vide* my manuscript account of apparitions.*

30. Die Dom. Walked to Church at Ledsham, where Dr. Smith preached excellently from 1 Thess.

* A too easy credulity to stories of this kind was one of the weaknesses of Thoresby, which did not wear out as he advanced in age.

v. 22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil;" whence he preached admirably and critically. Afternoon, he read the prayers at my Lady's, and Mr. Benson went to preach for a sick minister in the neighbourhood. Afterwards, Mr. Nelson upon the Festivals was read, and some practical tracts to the tenants and poor in the neighbourhood: we were in three distinct rooms.

July 1. Morning; took leave of the pious lady, who urged me to stay till next Monday, when Mr. Lucas promised to come again for me; but I could not for the printers; that I returned with my good friend, got well home, and in good time.

4. Read Whitby: till eleven, and after till about three, about Manor concerns, and to see the soldiers at Leeds in their new camp.

7. Die Dom. Read Wetenhall's Private Devotions. Have I not reason, as the Bishop insinuates, to look upon some of the providential dispensations of God as the just effects and punishment of this remissness and indifferency of spirit; as for example, my lameness and indisposition of body, which is not to be ascribed wholly to the infirmities that naturally accompany old age, uneasiness of mind, losses, and disappointments in estate, discomforts in some relations? may not these, and other cross accidents, be justly looked upon as the punishment of my sins, and especially, the want of that life, spirit, and vigour, that should accompany those prayers, that alas,

are so faint and languid? Mr. Paley preached excellently concerning the providential care of God over man. Afternoon, Mr. Day preached from Acts vii. 53. Afterwards, read the Bishop of Bristol. Dr. Boulter's Sermon before the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

10. Read; then with my family at Sister Wilson's till eleven; at the funeral of Mr. Mangey, the Doctor's brother, dead in the midst of his days of a pleuritic fever, at Wakefield. Afternoon, stitching some of the learned Mr. Milner's manuscripts till evening prayers. Mrs. Pawson also died at Kippax this day: both these took a journey but of six miles, yet are brought home dead.

11. Morning, read and wrote as usually till eleven: after, at Cousin Wilson's for dedication to Vicaria Leod.; a little with Alderman Rookes; then wrote till seven.

13. All day read and wrote, (preface to the Vicaria Leod.) save usual attendance at church.

18. Read and wrote till eleven; and to visit parson Robinson, who by his continual slumbering seems to be upon the confines of eternity; then a little amongst manuscripts till evening.

Aug. 13. Read; then in library till obliged to lie down after prayers; visited Parson Robinson, the benefactor, who is much better, *Laus Deo!* but myself had a very bad night.

14. Read Whitby; was agreeably surprised and

half-cured by a letter from my son, whom I hope to enjoy to-morrow.

15. Upon return from evening prayer found my dear son from Bugden; was thankful for the mercy.

16. The day of my nativity, when I complete my sixty-sixth year. I got little time to consider the mispence of so much time, as I usually set apart this anniversary to do, which partly my infirmity, and partly company to visit my son prevented. But I rejoiced in the goodness of God, that I enjoyed the pleasing society of my posterity to the third generation.

17. Enjoyed relations till eleven; after, visited Cousin Wilson and Dr. Tomlinson, *en passant*, till five; visited by the new Rector of Berwick-in-Elmet, and another clergyman, to see the library till evening.

19. Die Dom. After family prayer, wherein had my son's assistance, accompanied him to the Vicar's, and thence to church, though my distemper forced me out of it; but after a little fresh air, I returned in time to hear him preach from James i. 13, 14, "Let no man say I am tempted of God:" whence he showed very well, 1. what is to be understood in this place by being tempted; the original word signifies to prove, or make a trial, and is usually taken in an ill sense, as to seduce to sin; but sometimes only to prove a person's virtues, in which sense, persecutions and afflictions are called temptations; but when

temptations carry us from our duty, it is blasphemy to say that God is the author of them, which was the substance of the second head: the third was, that no man yields to temptations, but through his own fault and corruption; when we offend in any kind we ought to acquit God, and to our miserable selves only must belong shame, and a guilty confusion of face; this should teach us the concisest and most certain way of conquering temptations, viz. to mortify the irregular passions and desires of the mind, and to put our inclinations under the authority of our reason and religion; we must suppress sin in its first motions; the most incurable distempers, the corruption of the whole mass of blood, often proceed from little and unsuspected causes, which might have been prevented by a seasonable application. I afterwards dined with my sons at the Vicar's. Afternoon, Mr. Day preached very well, but prevented of noting the heads.

20. Morning, could do little by reason of my distemper, but walked with my son to Cousin Whitaker's; got to church, but was uneasy. Afternoon, walked from Alderman B.'s with some clergymen and my sons to see the camp; in return, visited relations (Esquire Rookes, from Rodes-hall,) at Cousin Wilson's. After evening prayers could do nothing.

21. Had Cousin T. Whitaker's company till eleven. Afternoon, at Cousin Cookson's, who showed

us his pleasant new gardens; sent for by Mr. Barwell of Ackworth, to see the museum.

23. Read little; eleven at church; invited to dine with my two sons at Alderman Milner's, which took up most of the afternoon; rest at Dr. Tomlinson's, and see the progress of the new church.

24. After a very bad night could do little but lie upon the bed; till eleven at church, when forced to the quire-door for air: yet, after dinner, accompanied my sons to relations at town end; and after, against my mind, constrained to show the museum to Sir W. C.'s sister.

26. Die Dom. Read Whitby; but was not able to get to church, which was a very sensible affliction to me. I attempted to improve my involuntary absence from the House of God, but was able to do little, being forced every quarter of an hour to lie down; yet, at intervals, read five of Mr. Blair's sermons on the beatitudes.

27. All day confined by my infirmity.

31. The learned Dr. Kennett, Bishop of Peterborough,* visited me early, to view the manuscripts and museum, with which he was much pleased. I

* Dr. White Kennett, with whom Thoresby had been acquainted before. The Bishop sometimes visited Wakefield, where Captain Burton resided, who married a daughter of the Bishop's lady by her former husband, Dr. Clopton Havers. It was on one of these visits that Bishop Kennett transcribed those valuable papers relating to the Grammar School at Wakefield, which are now among his other collections in the Lansdown department of the manuscripts at the Museum.

spent as much time with his Lordship as my weakness would permit, and lent him a manuscript folio. Afterwards, Alderman Rookes called on me to carry me to the new church in his chariot; after prayers, made a short visit to the Bishop; and after dinner, was with his Lordship a little at Alderman Rooke's, and after at Alderman Milner's till he left the town.

Sept. 1. Forenoon as usually; after, entirely at Cousin Wilson's, about settling my secular concerns for the good of my poor children.

2. Die Dom. Morning, ventured to new church; sat for coolness in the vestry, and for the conveniency of slipping out for air. My dearest son preached very well from 1 Cor. x. 31. "Do all to the glory of God," which is not to be understood so as to add any dignity to the essential glory or majesty of God's nature, who is infinite perfection, and the spring of all honour; whatever is good or great, is from him originally derived; the perfection of those angels which have the honour to shine in the first and highest order of created beings, bear no more proportion to his transcendent glory than a single ray does to that bright body which enlightens and enlivens the whole creation, and nothing is hid from the heat thereof; with how much reason then does Job ask, "Wherein can a man be profitable to God?" therefore to do all to the glory of God, must be taken in a declarative sense only, in all the actions of our lives to manifest him and his adorable perfections. Thus the glorious

company of the Apostles, the goodly fellowship of the prophets, the noble army of martyrs, praise and glorify God; Heaven and earth show forth his divine attributes; though some of our actions seem to have no tendency to this great end; yet a deliberate, and well-grounded resolution to illustrate the honour of our Creator through the whole course of our lives, will guide us in the true and direct road. 1. He showed how our actions may be disposed to that end: and, 3. what obligations lie upon us to that practice. My distemper prevents my noting the heads.

3. Read little; walked with my son to Cousin Wilson's, where gave a bond for some money due for education; and after dinner, paid 10*l.* to Alderman Milner, and 26*l.* to Mr. Lister, to get quit of a perpetual dun; I think I may say for conscience sake, for if my dear wife had continued to go to the meetings, all had been in *statu quo;* but I am better pleased, though I am plainly cheated by the pretendedly pious, of my part in the chapel. Lord, pardon the guilty, and give me a resigned spirit in all respects! But what I was vastly concerned for, was parting with my dearest son, who began his journey, for Bugden.

4. Had a bad forenoon; and after, fit for nothing but sauntering.

5. Yet worse; was not able to reach church; I was obliged to return to my old course of the *cortex Peruv.* with three grains of the snake-root in each

bolus: finished the perusal of Capt. Stevens' edition of the Monasticon Hibernicum, wherein with abundance of superstition, are some curious and instructive remarks concerning the ancient state of religion in that island.

6. & 7. My indisposition kept equal pace as formerly, and so my slender devotions.

8. This day in like manner; to oblige relations stirred not out all day, save to prayers afternoon; yet never had so sad a night as the following: was awaked about midnight by a most terrible pain at my heart, which was so violent, that the anguish thereof made the sweat trickle down from my head to my breast. I had also more than a touch of the pain in the back of my head, which drew tears from my dear wife, who sat weeping over me two hours, which wounded me deeply. This fit was so discouraging as not only to confine me to my room, but put in a bill, though *sans* name, to desire the prayers of the church; this had the effect, that a vast number of friends from all parts of the town, and some of the parish, sent in a most affectionate manner to inquire after me; and I question not, but accompanied this with their prayers. In the interim, I read some, and son Richard read others, of Mr. Blair's sermons; but when night came, went to bed with expectations of the return of the dismal fit, but a divine blessing upon the Doctor's prescription pervented its return.

9. Read Blair's sermons; was all day in my chamber, but in a tolerable state; our good Vicar prayed with me.

10. Was all day within; and after prayer as usually endeavouring to write short letters to Dr. Bray, Mr. Commissioner Gale, both Mr. Terricks at London, and my dearest son at Bugden. Evening, had Blair read to me.

12. Had the worst day that ever I had since the distemper seized me; yet it pleased God to give me a good night's mercies intermixed.

13 and 14. Somewhat better; though not able to get to church, but had the Vicar's kind assistance in my chamber.

15. Die Dom. My illness continued so strongly upon me, that I was not in a condition to get to church, either end of the day, but read, or heard read, several of Mr. Blair's excellent sermons. This day, Mr. Scholey was buried, much younger, and some time ago much likelier for life than myself, yet a complication of distempers has taken him off.

16. The fit more favourable, that I was able to prosecute my study a little, *Laus Deo!* Took air in the garden.

19. Forenoon, read Blair as usual, then put a finishing stroke to my preface to the Vicaria Leod.

20. Received a courteous letter from Ledston-hall, and a most endearing message from the pious lady, who inquired affectionately of my Cousin Wil-

son concerning my health; and if the Doctors thought the country air might contribute to my recovery, her Ladyship would send her coach for me; this was kind and reviving; read Blair, &c.

22. Die Dom. Though not able to attend the public, had the advantage of private means of instruction, by reading, or having read to me, six of Blair's* sermons.

24. Was much affected at prayers, where a bill was put in for two persons under sentence of death: viz. two soldiers, that it is supposed will be shot to-morrow.

25. Read Blair; after my fit was over, visited by Parson Robinson, the benefactor, till near prayers; when were three burials, (Mr. Cotton, &c.) and three christenings. Evening, disordered by the absence of son Richard.

26. After a very bad and tedious night for his absence, had as bad a day, the fit recurring with more violence, and also more early by some hours, that I had a long and tiresome day, and very disagreeable, because of the unpleasant, though necessary, duty of reproof.

27. Was better; got to church, and walked to Mr. K.'s to inquire for company for my poor son to Cambridge.

28. Had a bad day; whether it be the nature of

* James Blair, M. A. President of William and Mary College in Virginia. These excellent Sermons were published in 1723, 5 vols. 8vo.

the distemper, or my fretting and dejection of spirit, I know not, but was apt to think that what I was flattered was working off, seems now tending to a dissolution of this frail body.

29. Die Dom. Forenoon, read three sermons, and was thrice at prayers. Oh that I could add, with the life and vigour that becomes one in begging remission of sin, and a due preparation for eternity!

30. Read Blair; then with the Lords of the Manor about business, though to little purpose; visited by Mr. Wogan, of London; got cold, notwithstanding care.

Oct. 9. Transcribing letters relating to the augmentation of the vicarage, till visited by Mr. B. T. who stayed so long (though very welcome) that I got not to church. Evening, read Strype and Blair, as usually.

10. Morning, read Blair; finished transcript of my Lady's letters, and the Vicar's, about the augmentations.

13. Die Dom. Forenoon, read several sermons on the Beatitudes. Afternoon, ventured to church, even against the affectionate intreaties of relations; but I thought it a tedious time since the 2d of Sept. when I heard the last sermon; a tedious confinement from the public worship, which I earnestly desired the enjoyment of. Mr. Day preached well from Ps. xcvii. "Cloud and darkness are round about him," &c.

15. Concluded Blair's sermons on the Beatitudes, which are admirably good, and of a truly Christian spirit: read till eleven; at church; then at Alderman R.'s, and Dr. T.'s, till four; read a little till six; at Cousin Wilson's christening of daughter Eliz., had very good company of clergy, yet durst not stay for fear of cold.

18. Forenoon as usually; after at the funeral of Dr. Midgeley, the Vicar preached well from that of the Apostle, "there remaineth a rest," &c. gave a deserved character of the party.

19. All day with the Lords of the Manor choosing constables, save a little to wait upon the Archbishop of York, at Cousin Milner's.

20. Die Dom. Read Whitby; the Archbishop of York preached excellently from that concerning Abraham: "I know that he will teach his children, and his household after," Gen. xviii. 19, whence he insisted on the duty of masters and mistresses of families to instruct their children and servants (which are generally the most ignorant part of mankind) in the fear of the Lord. Showing the nature of the duty and the proper way of performing it; the strict obligation that the governors of a family lie under to it, advising to furnish them with useful and necessary books of devotion, and allow them convenient time and place, also to set them a good example and to pray with, and for them; examples being very prevalent, especially in persons of superior rank: keeping a watchful eye over them, that they addict

not themselves to prevaricating, to idleness, &c. impress upon their minds the thoughts of death and judgment, but, alas! how are these duties neglected, not only by the generality, but even by those that seem to have a sense of religion; reproving the neglect of family prayer, or too slight a performance of it: he preached excellently, but I heard not distinctly, and blamed my bad ears, (not inattention, for I was very desirous to hear and practise) till I heard a general concern for his Grace's voice being much weakened since he preached here formerly. Afternoon, Mr. Day preached well from Jabez's petition, 1 Chron. iv. showing that it is our duty as well as interest to beg that God's hand may go along with us. In return, visited Cousin Cookson, in the gout.

21. Morning, read Whitby; wrote to Sir Griffith Boynton till eleven; had company of new tenant to dinner. After, at Alderman Milner's to take leave of the Archbishop of York. After, read Strype, &c.

24. Read; but missed prayers, in taking leave of my dear son for Cambridge, which I did, as my wife also, with a sad heart.

Nov. 1. Read Whitby, &c. till eleven; at church; after read Vicaria Leod., and concluded Archbishop Wake's Commentary on the Church Catechism; from church walked to Burmantofts to visit Cousin Whitaker and Mr. Moult, both of them indisposed; was scarce able to crawl home.

2. Read Whitby; wrote and read till eleven. Afternoon, at funeral of Mr. Cunliffe, dead in his prime; he was one of the three gentlemen in this street lately prayed for, of whom I only, though the eldest by much, remain alive.

8. Morning, read Whitby; wrote till eleven; at church. Afternoon, wholly with Cousin Wilson; pleased with his pious and edifying discourse, but troubled for the death of my late dear friend, John Chamberlayne, Esq. F.R.S. and Secretary to the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and for Queen Ann's Bounty. Evening, read Strype's Ecclesiastical Memorials, and Whitby on the Epistles.

10. Die Dom. The Vicar preached from Deut. xvi. 18. suitably to the occasion of the Mayor's appearance: showing the duty of judging the people with just judgment, especially to make them observe duly the Lord's day, else there will be no regard to him all the week after. Afternoon, Mr. Twisleton preached very well from Eccles. xii. 1. Called to visit Cousin Cookson returned from London, who told me she was glad to see me there, it being more than she expected when she saw me last at home.

13. Read and wrote till eleven: was under discouragement through the apprehension of a fistula. I earnestly begged of God that I might not dishonour him by impatience.

14, 15, and 16. All three days in my chamber, save when I was able to get to church.

18. Read Whitby ; then abroad about business (yet in vain) till eleven : at church ; so part of the afternoon ; and about poor ministers' concerns : was much affected with the piteous state of a good woman oppressed with melancholy, who came mourning to me, affirming she was a reprobate. I gave her the best advice I could, and lent her the new Manual of Devotion. The Lord speak comfort to her soul!

19. Abroad about my dear son Thoresby's business; paying money for a bill. This day, Mr. Ash, a young merchant, was buried in the prime of his days : he left 55*l.* to the charity-school.

21. At the Moot-hall to take the oaths appointed by the late Act of Parliament.

24. Die Dom. The Vicar preached well from 1 Cor. xi. 26. Afternoon, Mr. Day preached from Rev. xx. 17. but I was an unprofitable hearer; while the organs played, read a short but excellent tract against gaming.

25. Read Whitby, and wrote per post till eleven; at church ; so afternoon : this day, Cyril Arthington, of Arthington, Esq. F.R.S. was interred ; and I cannot but recollect, what alterations a few years have made in the Wharf-dale gentry : Mr. Kirk and his son, Mr. Dyneley and his son ; Mr. Hitch (about a month ago) and his brother, and now Mr. Arthington, most, if not all of them younger than me.

28. Forenoon, in like manner ; spent some days in reviewing former Diaries, not knowing but that the

next Lord's day may be the last time, considering my present weakness, that I may have an opportunity of receiving the Lord's Supper. I found a memorandum in my tenth Diary, that the Word of God being an excellent preparative for eternity, I was desirous to know, so far as I could retrieve it, how often I had read the Bible over in my family, but not having noted it so particularly before, I am forced to begin my account the month before my happy marriage, when, viz:

January 4, 1684-5. I begun to read the Bible, with the learned and pious Mr. Poole's Annotations, and having read that, and the Continuation,

May 24, 1689. I begun the Bible again, with Diodati's Annotations, (the Analysis to which is done by a different hand.)

June 22, 1691. I begun the Bible again, with Bishop Hall's Paraphrase, which being but short and upon particular places,

March 2, 1692-3. I begun with those called the Assembly's Annotations, in two large volumes, small print; which, with other authors that intervened (reading sermons some part of the time, instead of chapters,) kept me employed near five years. Note, though these go by the name of the Assembly's, Bishop Richardson and other Episcopal Divines bore a worthy share therein.

January 11, 1698-9. I begun the New Testament, with Mr. Baxter's Paraphrase; and 11th of

September, same year, begun Bishop Hall's Paraphrase the second time.

April 22, 1701. I begun the old translation of the Bible, with the marginal notes, and read along therewith Mr. Clark's Analysis, or Survey of the Bible.

February 14, 1702-3. I begun the third pious author's Annotation upon the Bible, (and read also his Harmony of the Gospels); the third author, Mr. Samuel Clark, jun., was one of a holy, heavenly, healing spirit, as appears by an original letter of his, in my collection, which I highly value.

Oct. 30, 1704. I begun the Bible, with arguments and marginal notes, as in the edition preceding the present translation.

April 7, 1706. I begun the Bible, with Pool's Annotations, second time.

July 7, 1709. I begun the excellent Mr. M. Henry's upon the Pentateuch.

Feb. 10. Begun his second volume, (upon Joshua,) and there being no more yet published, I continued from Job to the Revelations without them.

Jan. 1, 1710-11. I begun the edition of the Bible (in secret) that was printed by Harrison, anno 1562, with Archbishop Cranmer's Prologue, which I finished the 20th of December after.

Feb. 9. After I concluded an ancient Edition of the Bible, in quarto,

The same Feb. 9, 1712. I begun Tindal's transla-

tion of the Bible, in folio, with notes upon each chapter, printed anno 1549; which I concluded, March 28, 1713, as I did another somewhat different translation of the Bible, (printed in a different character, beyond sea,) 15th Aug. 1713.

Aug. 16, 1713, I begun again the Holy Bible of the present Translation. Since which time, I have read the Bible six times, but being without Paraphrase or Annotations, need not be particularly mentioned.

June 11, 1718. I begun the New Testament, with the pious Mr. Burkitt's Expository Notes and Practical observations; an excellent family book, which I finished August 1, 1719; and then begun the learned Dr. Hammond upon the New Testament, which I ended, 22nd May, 1720; the paraphrase proper for a family, but the annotations being more scholastical, I read frequently in my closet. The other two volumes, from Job to Malachi, being since published by my late dear friend Mr. M. Henry, I read them in family; and Mr. Daubuz (my late learned friend) upon the Revelations, in secret: and have since read the former volume of Dr. Whitby's Paraphrase and Commentary on the New Testament, and upon six of the Epistles in the second volume, which I read, not as placed, but in that order of time in which they were written.

Dec. 3. Read and wrote as usually till eleven, at church; after, a little abroad about business, disposing

of some plate to discharge what was laid out for my children.

17. Read and writ till eleven; at church; then received a comfortable letter from my dear son Thoresby, about his new living, and his solicitude for the spiritual welfare of his parishioners, which refreshed me.

18. Read Whitby; then writ a letter of thanks to my kind friend the Bishop of London; writ also to my dear son at Rickmansworth, till eleven; at church; then sending a parcel to my son Richard at Cambridge; afterwards to visit cousin Kirshaw in the gout; paid my ten pounds that I subscribed towards building the new church.

20. Read Whitby; then with the other trustees distributing great-grandfather's dole till eleven; at prayers; and after, as my strength would permit.

21. Not able to assist them in that charitable work, but got to the funeral of a neighbour, Thomas Henderson. Lord prepare me to follow!

22. Die Dom. Read a little, but was presently forced to lie down again, and was not able to get to church either end of the day; read Dean Hare's two loyal sermons sent me this morning by Alderman Rooke.

23. After a bad night, read Whitby; then correcting errata in the Vicaria Leod.; not being able to get to church, which took up all the day.

24. Forenoon, entirely upon the bed; made a

poor shift to kneel at family prayer, but forced to offer up my private supplications upon my weary bed; afternoon, rather better, though confined to my chamber.

27. Read Whitby; then to wait of Sir William Milner with my Vicaria Leod. for the Archbishop of York, and received a kind letter from the Bishop of London on that account. Mr. Glover, vicar of Knaresborough, preached the commemoration sermon at St. John's, from that of the Apostle, "Faith without works is dead;" after dinner, read and writ till three; at prayers.

31. Read and writ till eleven; at church; dined with relations at cousin Nicholson's, and was after with the excellent Bishop of Man, at cousin Wilson's, but stayed little, being indisposed.

1724.

Jan. 1. Read Whitby; then writ to my dearest son, whom I dread to be indisposed, till eleven; at prayers; then dined with the Bishop, Sir William Milner, and other good company, at cousin Wilson's.

2. Read and writ as usually till eleven; afternoon, upon the Manor concerns, and diverted with a manuscript writ by my friend Mr. Lucas, concerning his native country.

7. Even, concluded the perusal of Mr. Lucas's manuscript, in folio, wherein he has showed much reading, and his digressions, though long, are instructive.

16. Read Whitby, having finished the fourteen Epistles of St. Paul, according to the order of time in which they were writ, and not as placed in the Bible.

19. Evening, concluded St. Paul's description of his own Religion, by Dr. Synge, Archbishop of Tuam; the former part polemical against the Romanists, the latter practical and affecting, both excellent.

21. Morning and forenoon as usually, till after to visit Alderman Cookson, indisposed; till three at Church; then read remainder of a Narrative of what happened to Richard Lily, a clothier's boy, written by Joseph Shepherd, of Satan's appearance to him, and accusing him for Sabbath-breaking.

28. Read Whitby; writ till eleven; at church; concluded the life of Monsieur Fenelon, Archbishop of Cambray, a very pious and devout prelate, though in communion with the Church of Rome, yet censured by her.

30. Morning, the vicar preached suitably to the Anniversary fast, from Joel ii. 17, Public calamities should be attended with public mourning. Afternoon, walked to the Rev. Dr. Brooke's, whose importunity kept me till past six.

Feb. 1. Read Whitby till nine; at cousin W.'s about Sir Griff. Boynton's affair for my Lady's arms, those of the Sykes's; afternoon, abroad to get the relation of the apparition of Thomas Parkinson, in his sickness, from his nearest relations, and after, from the woman who fell into a swoon upon the

sight of it, knowing that he himself was at King's Cross, beyond Halifax: evening, read Whitby and the Companion to the Altar.

13. Forenoon, as usually; after, at cousin W.'s and Alderman R.'s till four; at church, when Lieut. Filmer was buried with great pomp; an ingenious gentleman, some of whose works are published, in poetry: called to inquire after some poor sick persons that are prayed for.

16. Die Dom. The Vicar, from Gal. vi. 10, "Do good unto all men," preached suitably to the occasion, (the brief for the burning of Wetherby).

Mar. 11. Read; making up two parcels for London and Cambridge: Mr. Pollard made a good plain sermon from Eccles. xii. 7, concerning the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time. I dined with Mr. Tottie, and afterwards visited Parson Robinson, but got to church, where were three funerals; after read; was pleased with some melancholy lines in a pleasing poem upon Westminster Abbey, in describing the dying monarch:

His fading eyes no darting terrors wear,
His dewy forehead pale, no more severe;
Nor from his lips observed directions flow,
But faltering prayers, and inward plaints of woe.
Struggling in dying agonies he lies,
And sees his friends draw off with swimming eyes.
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See learning's ruin in the southern aisles,
Where death exults in more than common spoils,
Where Spanheim sleeps and Camden . . .
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Thus death impartial levels in the grave
The young, the old, the conqueror and the slave.
There Cart'ret's hopeful youth submits to fate,
And Parr's decrepid age, though summon'd late.

29. Die Dom. The Vicar preached well from 2 Pet. ii. 21, showing the folly and danger of an apostate state. Are Christian privileges so great? then ought we diligently to labour for them. Is error so dangerous? then ought we to watch that our footsteps slip not. Afternoon, Mr. Day showed well that the Lord's Supper is a feast upon a sacrifice as well as the passover; we lie under the same necessity to receive the sacrament as the Jews the passover; all leaven must be put away, none permitted in the house—none in the soul. This afternoon were three or four funerals, Mrs. Sleigh, &c.; a sickly season; fifty within three prayed for; after, read in Mr. Killingbeck's manuscript sermons.

April 5. Die Dom. Morning, read Burkitt and Nelson, in the Festivals for Easter-day, having on the preceding days read those in the Fasts for Good-Friday and Easter-eve: the Vicar preached well from Acts xxvii. 8, showing that the notion of the resurrection is a doctrine exceeding human reason; the philosophers among the Heathen, the Sadducees among the Jews, denied it: 2. though the notion exceeds human capacity, yet is not repugnant to reason. Afternoon, Mr. Day from 1 Cor. xv. 55, 56, showed well how the entail of sin and death redounds by the grace of the Gospel to our advantage, our

salvation being put into better hands than our own. Evening, read Nelson, and a funeral sermon by John Sedgfield, a clothier, born at Holbeck, now an Antinomian preacher at or about Liverpool.

7. After usual devotions at home, was all day with the Lords of Manor, collecting arrears for self and friends, till six, at the funeral of Mr. Ralph Spencer.

8. Read and accounting till eleven; at church; a little in library, till seven; at prayers; when was a mournful funeral of Sam. Simpson's wife; one child was baptised, another buried with her, and at least six children followed with the father.

20. Read and wrote till eleven; at church; and after, till three, had female relations from town, and till evening prayers, when James Braithwait, of G. W. was buried; Mr. Day preached well from "Remember the days of darkness, for they shall be many." Memorandum. There were two graves made for him; one at the New Church, but, upon denial of the pulpit, another at the old, where he was buried.

May 8. Morning, read and wrote till 10, when visited by the ingenious Parson Frogget till near eleven; afternoon with Mr. Robinson; then read and writ till evening prayers.

10. Die Dom. Mr. Kennet, Vicar of Bradford, preached well from Isa. lv. 6, Expect not to find out the Almighty to perfection, but follow him in

the works of creation, providence, redemption: afternoon he preached well from Prov. xiv. 34, and showed that it concerns a people to make good laws, and preserve them in due execution.

11. Morning, read Burkitt; writ till eleven; at church; and after dinner, till about three, at Alderman Rooke's. This day was a considerable eclipse of the sun, (though not so great here as that nine years ago,) which I beheld at Cousin Cookson's, with Mr. Paley. Afterwards the Vicar preached well at the funeral of Widow Noble, from Ps. xxvii. 13.

13. Read but little, hasting to the pleasing office of writing for above six hundred Bibles and other practical books of divinity, to be given by charitable persons to the poor: afternoon, writ upon other occasions till evening prayers.

June 10. Read; writ to my dear son at Rickmansworth, who being appointed by the Bishop of London to preach the Visitation Sermon at St. Albans as this day, I was desired to recommend his case to God, as in duty bound, and my daily practice since I had notice of it.

13. After usual reading and attendance at church, spent the whole day in sorting a large box of books that friends desired me to write for, to promote charity and piety.

17. Read and writ till eleven; at church; after dinner showing the museum to some gentlemen from Sutton-upon-Darwent, with whom rest of the day at

son Wood's, till past six, when visited by Dr. Brooke, desirous of assistance about the lecture at St. John's, but I rather wish a sincere concord betwixt the Vicar and him.

26. Read not much, being hasted by the coachman that the good Lady Betty Hastings had ordered to conduct me and good old Mrs. Bainbridge (the minister's widow) to Ledston Hall, where we were most kindly received by her Ladyship and the Ladies Katherine and Margaret, her sisters, and indeed all that virtuous family, where we had prayers constantly four times a day: here I stayed with great satisfaction till the Saturday after, and found myself much better in my health by that excellent air and most agreeable conversation; and was daily entertained by my lady with excellent sermons, as the Bishop of London's and others, and one concerning the benefit of afflictions, and that we ought to rejoice in them; but this I thought not so proper for me, because adapted chiefly for such as suffer for religion, whereas mine are the produce of my sins; yet in this I have often found cause of joy, and do sincerely bless a kind Providence that this distemper has, I hope, weaned me in some measure from the world, and prepared me in some degree for the great change that is approaching; and I am very sensible of, and sincerely thankful for the mercies intermixed, that though it be a distemper I never expect (or scarce desire) to be free from, yet blessed be my

merciful God, there is very little pain, but a kind as well as constant memento of mortality: I had also the agreeable employ of transcribing some original deeds relating to benefactions, as my Lady's and Mr. Boulter's, for the augmentation of the vicarage of Harwood, and this incomparable lady's for Ledsham, and two long skins of parchment, with some ingenious and pious hymns, and an admirable letter, (supposed to be Mrs. Rowe's). I also transcribed a long funeral sermon for the Hon. Mr. Vane, from Eccles. xii. 1, thinking it proper for my dear son Richard, and, being only in manuscript, not to be had elsewhere.

July 4. After eight days' agreeable entertainment with manuscripts and other papers at Ledston Hall, I took leave of the excellent lady and good family, and returned safe to Leeds, and found my family well: the harness broke, but the horse and charioteer performed well. There had been a fire at Mr. T.'s the confectioner's, that burned down three rooms, but was suppressed by the engine, without farther damage.

7. Morning, read and writ as usually, then visited by some gentlemen from London and Newcastle, with whom dined at Mr. Dennison's; was well pleased with the company of Mr. Ord, F.R.S.; after evening prayers visited cousin Cookson; read Burkitt.

11. Read and writ till eleven; at church; after,

showing museum to Mr. Melville and his ingenious sister from Dublin; with whom after at Mr. North's to see some of his delicate paintings, till evening prayer; then with Mr. Lucas and H. till past nine.

13. Read Burkitt, till sent for by Alderman Rooke, who kindly accommodated me with his chariot to Wakefield, where very courteously received by the Bishop of Peterborough, from whom I received a letter of thanks last night; had intelligence of some public affairs, and returned home safe, though one of the four mares was too frolicsome, that once endangered us.

14. Morning, read and writ till eleven; at church; and after, till near three, to visit Sir D'arcy Dawes and Sir Wm. Milner, with the two ladies, at the good Alderman's; then to visit cousin Kirshaw, confined to his bed by his late journey.

15. Forenoon as usually; after finished the perusal of Dean Barwick's Life, wherein are many curious remarks, though some perhaps too unkind against good Bishop Brownrigg for pusillanimity, as well as against Bishop Gauden and Dr. Walker.

19. Die Dom. Read Mr. Doughty's commemoration sermon at King's College Chapel, Cambridge, lately sent me by my dear son Richard.

20. Read and wrote till four, had a coachful of foreigners from Germany and America, to see the museum.

23. Read and wrote till eleven; dined at Alderman Rooke's, with the Bishop of Peterborough, &c. with whom till four.

25. Morning, rose early, in expectation of four fellows of University College, Oxon; but they not coming till eleven, I went to church; afternoon, trifled in library till evening prayers.

26. Die Dom. Read a sermon preached on New Year's-day, at the funeral of three sons of Joseph Naylor, at Luddenham chapel, all grown young men, and buried (of the small pox) in one grave there.

27. Morning, read Burkitt; wrote to the Bishop of Peterborough; afternoon, to visit Dr. Brooke, and endeavour to prevent a breach with the Vicar.

31. Read and wrote till eleven; at church; afternoon, the Vicar, from 2 Peter i. 10, "Give diligence, &c." preached a funeral sermon for good old Mrs. Bainbridge, to whom he gave a large and deserved commendation.

Sept. 3. Much of this day showing the museum, there being much company because of the races at Chapeltown; after evening prayers, rejoiced with my dear son Thoresby from Hertfordshire.

6. Die Dom. My son Thoresby preached very well from 1 John iii. 4; afternoon, a stranger, from Sheffield, preached very zealously, yet was I too little affected.

10. Forenoon, as usually; after, visited by the noted poet, Mr. Wesley;* then at Alderman Rooke's.

13. Die Dom. Mr. Day preached well from Ps. xxxiii. 13; afternoon, my son Thoresby preached excellently from "Be angry, but sin not;" but going immediately to visit cousin Kirshaw, and after, staying supper at Dr. Brooke's, noted not the heads.

This is the last entry made in the Diary. During the whole of his life Mr. Thoresby had entertained apprehensions of an attack of apoplexy, on account of frequently recurring pains in the back of his head. In October a paralytic stroke reduced him to a state of great mental and bodily weakness; and on the 16th of October 1725, a second stroke put an end to the life of this industrious, intelligent, and religious antiquary.

* Rector of Epworth, father of John and Charles Wesley.

APPENDIX.

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FROM A VOLUME OF THE DIARY DISCOVERED SINCE THE PRECEDING PORTIONS WERE PRINTED.

A. D. 1683.

JUNE 1. Most of the day within with Mr. R. Garnet, translating the town's charter.

12. Went to see a most wonderful woman, but about two feet long, though twenty-one years old. She was born in Bowden parish, in Cheshire, near the Lord Delamere's, and is said to have no bone in her but the head, though I suppose a mistake. This seems to me as prodigious as the monstrously great man.

16. To visit worthy Mr. Kay, who is very weak. Lord, restore him in mercy to this populous town, if it be thy blessed will.

18. Morning, reading Mr. Charnock; forenoon and after till about three writing, and perusing British authors, Selden, Virunnius, Speed, &c. concerning Cunobeline.

19. Evening had the honour of a visit from Cap-

tain Hatfield, of Hatfield, with some pleasing discourse concerning the antiquities of that place.

20. At the sad funeral of worthy Mr. Kay, who dies much lamented, and whose loss will be sadly experienced every day more and more, especially if not succeeded by another of the same Christian moderate temper.* Mr. Kay of —— preached from, "Then Hezekiah turned to the wall and prayed, saying, I beseech thee, Lord, remember me."

21. Perusing Goltzius and several Roman authors about the consular coins.

24. Die Dom. Morning, reading in Mr. Charnock's incomparable discourse of the power of God. Forenoon, heard Mr. Robinson, (designed for Mr. Kay's successor) from "Remember Lot's wife," from whence he raised a very profitable doctrine, that it is not the singular piety of the nearest relation that will secure an impenitent sinner. It is not the goodness of our parents or yoke-fellows that will satisfy for our impieties, which he applied, and raised several other pretty observations as well as solid truths; and though some censured him as too full of poetical instances, yet I am sure there were a great many divine truths, which I beg of God a heart to improve. Mr. Sharp preached incomparably from Luke xiii. 5, showing that repentance is the only means to prevent deserved destruction.

* Mr. Kay was the minister of St. John's at Leeds. See vol. i. p. 160.

July 18. Rode to the Spa with Mr. Samuel Ibbetson: had good company of him, for which I am the more thankful at such a place.

19. Found myself disappointed of dear Mr. Corlas' company, but had Mr. E. H's. Drank the waters and walked, but found the Spa now, as formerly, a place very unfit for serious thought.

20. and 21. Spent both days in the like employment, drinking of the sulphur and sweet spas, but spent too little time in what should not be omitted upon the greatest occasions.

27. Die Dom. Morning, reading the excellent Mr. Charnock; then, instead of our worthy vicar, heard a high Don, who coupled the Pope and Dissenting Conventicle preachers hand in hand, as busy persons in other men's concerns: but had little edifying in his discourse, or my wicked heart, as it too often doth, hindered me from profiting.

Aug. 7. Forenoon, employed in showing the collection of coins and rarities to Dr. Burnet, Mr. Gerard and another.

23. With honest Mr. Boyse; advising with uncle Idle, Mr. R. W., E. H., about some troubles he is surprised with, merely for conscience sake.

25. At home, placing the pictures in a methodical manner, according to their several generations and qualities: but alas! I fear spent too much time in these trifles, which was given to be employed in

matters of infinitely greater moment. The Lord 'pardon me!

Sept. 5. Had Alderman Elcock of York's company, viewing Roman coins and antiquities.

Oct. 5. Visited by poor Mr. Trigot, whose imprisonment in York gaol for non-conformity, has brought him to a weak condition.

Nov. 19. Abroad at Alderman Sykes's; went to see a man (one Sam. Fry, of Dorsetshire,) eat brimstone, lead, bees-wax, sealing-wax, pitch, rosin, blazing-hot: he dropped brimstone in a blaze upon his tongue; and so wax, and made thereon the impression of a seal, which I have; and, (which I went the most to see,) he walked upou a red-hot bar of iron, which I fancied to be somewhat like the way of ordeal, much in use among the Saxons, to try persons' innocency by, who possibly might come off victors, though never so culpable, if they had money enough to purchase such a secret from the monks.

30. Received a summons to appear on Monday at the Sessions; Lord direct me what to say in that hour! Afternoon had Mr. B. D., R. W., E. H., at my house to consult about chapel-accounts and poor's business. Evening, till pretty late, advising with uncle Idle at Mr. E. H's., concerning this prosecution of Conventicles. Lord, in thy due time assuage their causeless wrath against the innocent, for thy name's sake!

Dec. 1. Forenoon, abroad consulting with many

friends about ditto concerns. After, rode with honest E. H. to acquaint cousin Hick and Alderman Sykes. Evening too, taken up about ditto concern till pretty late.

2. Die Dom. Morning up about five; had dear E. H's. company to Wakefield, where consulted lawyer Witton. Then heard their honest vicar, Mr. Obadiah Lee, a native of Holbeck; who made an extraordinary serious discourse, giving both motives and directions, how to conform our lives to the Gospel. Afterwards gave cousin Atkinson a visit upon the same account. Evening, read a sermon of worthy Mr. Stretton's, preached at Leeds in 1672.

3. Rose about five. Spent an hour, I hope not unprofitably; was especially desirous that God would mercifully condescend to direct me, that I may neither speak nor do any thing, whereby his great name may be dishonoured, his Gospel reproached, or my own conscience defiled, by any of those snares or stumbling-blocks that may be laid before me this day. Afterwards received much comfort from the twenty-second Psalm, which the good hand of God directed me to before family prayer, especially from fourth and fifth verses: "Our Fathers trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them: they cried unto thee, O Lord, and were not confounded:" and the next words for my deserved humiliation, "But I am a worm and no man, a reproach of men, and despised of the people:" and desired to be humbled for my

sins, which have given them such advantage against me; and likewise to act faith upon the promises, and comfortably remember the experiences of God's gracious appearing for his in their trouble; especially for my dear, and now glorious father, under the like circumstances; so that I went before the magistrates to the Sessions with courage above my expectation, considering my bashful temper, and saw much of the goodness of God, in restraining the wrath of man, which, though at first increased, at sight of counsel to plead my righteous cause, &c., yet, after, they were baffled and disappointed in their great design of proving it a riotous meeting; and though Alderman Headley was pleased to cast many reflections upon the damnable rich fanatics, (as he was pleased to call them,) yet all the Aldermen besides carried very moderately and respectively. Mr. Recorder Whyte was pleased to express much kindness to me for my dear father's sake, of whom he used to say, "He believed there was not an honest Presbyterian in England till he was acquainted with that learned and ingenious gentleman:" but, withal, persuaded me from conventicles, where nothing was preached but faction and rebellion: to which I only replied, that the first time I should hear it preached, I would thankfully embrace his counsel; but till then, I must beg his excuse. Received some jests, &c. from others of the justices; but desire to bless God that it issued so well that we were not left a

prey to some unreasonable men, whose tender mercies are cruelties. After dinner, with Alderman Dixon, lawyer Witton, and cousin Atkinson, and a great deal of good company; but spent too much time in carnal joy, because in the evening there passed some angry words betwixt two good men, and both my friends. Oh! how sad is it that we cannot tell how to improve mercies better!

6. Employed in reading writings for a cottage adjoining to my garden, where I have some thoughts (if it please God to spare my life) to build a Public Library, and a better conveniency for the collection of rarities, which are now disadvantageously crowded up.

9. Die Dom. Rode with dear E. H., T. W., and T. F., to worthy Mr. Sharp's, who gave an excellent and very suitable discourse, from Psalm lvi. 3, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in the Lord."

A. D. 1684.

Jan. 4. Abroad with Mr. T. B.; walked with him and others from the Mills below the Old Church, all up the main river, under the bridge to about the upper dam, the like continued frost having not been known, or scarce heard of in these parts.

16. Spent much of the afternoon at Mr. W's., and evening at Mr. E. H's.; and though was not myself, as I expected, called upon at the Sessions, yet heard very severe news of my dear friends and acquaint-

ance, cousin Ibbetson, cousin Whitaker, that it is feared may suffer imprisonment, *durante vita*, upon 23rd of Elizabeth; for whom my heart even bleeds within me. The Lord direct them, and if it be thy will, convince them that there is no sin in attendance upon the public ordinances; that they may neither sin against their own consciences, nor give scope to the malice of unreasonable men so grievously to torment them.*

Feb. 25. Rode with Mr. T. W., to visit worthy Mr. Sharp, and with some difficulty obtained a confirmation of the promise he had made me, to allow some of his sermons to pass the press, for the good of such as cannot at present enjoy his ministry.

March 10. The vernal equinox being now returned, got up before five, resolving to do that now, which the violent and tedious storm (such as no history can parallel) hindered me most of this winter; but read not much; walking with Mr. E. H. to Swillington church; transcribed the monuments of the Dineleys, Lowthers, and worthy Mr. Robinson sen., the famous vicar of this town; returned home again on foot by Hunslet, but well wearied.

11. Up about five; read till being at the Bridge-market. Lord, direct me how to demean myself so

* For Mr. Whitaker, see vol. i. p. 193. He was confined in the Castle of York for about eighteen months. These were the last expiring efforts of persecution directed against the Non-conformists. King Charles died in 1685; his successor adopted a different policy; and soon after the Revolution, the Act of Toleration took away the power of disturbing their religious meetings.

inoffensively, that none may have just occasion to reproach me, or thy ways! bless and succeed all lawful endeavours!

22. Rode to Pontefract; spent most of the day in visits, and at Dr. Johnston's, dined there with the Earl of Eglinton and his Countess.

April 8. Rode with Mr. D., Mr. H., and Mr. T., for Rochdale.

9. Rode to Manchester; placed sister (as the others did their daughters) with Madam Frankland: the Lord grant it may be as it is designed, for the good both of soul and body! Afterwards viewing the library and famous benefactions of Mr. Chetham; spent much of the afternoon in perusing the monuments in the church, and viewing Salford.

22. Forenoon with Mr. R. W. at Armley; inquisitive of the ancient family of the Hoptons, now extinct.

30. Towards evening rode with some neighbours to meet our famous Archbishop Dolben, who is by me chiefly valued for his moderation, and that he is a preaching bishop; he was accompanied to the town by most of the corporation and neighbouring gentry.

May 1. Went very early to church, when the worthy bishop made a very excellent sermon, from James i. 10, on religious commemorations and holydays. He preached excellently and charitably; but there being many of the nobility and gentry in town,

and I being the rest of the day with my honoured and kind friend, Mr. Henry Fairfax, and evening with his good father, the Lord Fairfax, was prevented of writing down the heads till too much forgot.

4. Rode to Rawden to hear the good Bishop preach at the chapel; pious benefaction of Esquire Layton: he preached very seriously the Consecration sermon.

12. Preparing for a journey; rode to Doncaster, where transcribed some monumental inscriptions; afterwards to Barnby-on-the-Moor, where lodged all night.

13. Morning being rainy, made not so good progress as might have been expected; rode to Tuxford, where took an account of Mr. Read's noble benefaction; by Newark and Gunnerby to Coltsforth, where lodged.

14. By Stamford to Peterborough, where had the acceptable company of Mr. Johnston, the Bishop's chaplain; and the Doctor's* brother. From whom I received much satisfaction by the perusal of a manuscript concerning the monuments in the Cathedral, that are now demolished: transcribed the rest, which took up much time; that we rode but by Stilton to Huntingdon, where we lodged.

15. Royston, Ware, to London.

17. In company of several merchants, &c. taking my freedom of the East-land Company.

* Dr. Nathaniel Johnston, of Pontefract.

18. Die Dom. Walked to St. Andrew's, Holborn, where the famous Dr. Stillingfleet made an excellent sermon. Afternoon, heard Mr. Kidder, who excellently confuted several of the Socinian points.

22. Took my freedom of the Hamburgh Company. Walked with cousin Dickinson and Mr. Collings, of Queenborough, to Newington Green; and thence to a little hill surrounded by a moat, where stood Jack Straw's castle. In return home had the opportunity of getting into the new burial-place, where stayed alone till about ten, transcribing the epitaphs of Dr. Goodwin and some other eminent Nonconformists there interred, as also my good cousin Mrs. Grace Dickinson.*

23, 24. By Windsor to Maidenhead.

25. To Oxford, more than a sabbath-day's journey, for which I desire to be thoroughly humbled; we missed the forenoon sermon, though if like the afternoon which we heard at St. Mary's, it was the less matter, where a young scholar gave a piece of history concerning the Jewish sufferings, &c. from

* She was the first wife of the Mr. Dickinson so often mentioned in the early years of the Diary. The inscriptiou was this:—"Here lieth Grace the only daughter of Thomas Cloudsley, of Leeds, in the county of York, who was first married to Peter Jackson of Leeds, to whom she bare three sons and two daughters: afterward married to John Dickenson of London, to whom she bare one daughter, of which she died Feb. 15, 1666, in the 31st year of her age.

Grace was her name, and grace she had;
But now she is in glory clad."

The new burial-ground was that of the Nonconformists, in Bunhill-Fields.

Josephus. I was much troubled, and even dejected, to see the profaneness that abounds there, even above what I could have imagined, though I never thought it the most serious place. Afterwards, walked to see the fronts of some of the colleges and churches, and in one found a serious good old man, I think Dr. Wallis, catechising the boys, and expounding part of the creed, which we gladly stayed to hear with satisfaction, it being the likest a sabbath-day's employ of any thing we had seen before. Spent the evening with Mr. Nathaniel Boyse, of University College. Lord, pardon the sins of this sabbath, which I think has been more disagreeable to its institution than ever in my life!

26. Had Mr. Nat. Boyse's company to view several of the Colleges and Chapels, whereof New College chapel has abundantly the pre-eminence; and for the Halls, that in Christ Church, built by Cardinal Wolsey. Then viewed the stately theatre lately built by Archbishop Sheldon, wherein the most noble, spacious room, for the use of the University, that ever I beheld, seventy feet one way and eighty the other, without any pillar to support it. Was much taken with the ancient altars, and inscriptions and statues, Greek and Latin, given by the Lord Howard, and was courted for my own. Then viewed the incomparable library founded by Sir Thomas Bodley, to which Archbishop Laud and Mr. Selden have been noble benefactors. In the adjacent gallery are the

pictures of the founders of all the colleges, and many other noted persons, divines and historians, ancient and modern, which was very pleasant to me: we then viewed the Anatomy Schools, where, besides the skeletons and stuffed skins, were many considerable varieties; but the chief of all was in the Museum Ashmoleanum, which is absolutely the best collection of such rarities that ever I beheld, amongst which is the most entire mummy (sent by Dr. Huntingdon from Egypt) in Europe. Could have contentedly spent a long time in a thorough view of the several rarities, which the ingenious Dr. Plot, (to whom I was singularly obliged for his extraordinary civilities) has almost promised to print the catalogue of, with Mr. Ashmole's picture before. Then was shown the rarities that ditto most courteous Doctor had collected for his history of Staffordshire; as likewise the Scrinium Listerianum presented to the University by my father's ingenious friend, Dr. Lister, formerly of York, now of London. I was exceedingly courted for some of my coins, and almost won upon by his most obliging carriage, but kept off from promising till I see how it please God to dispose of me as to marriage, posterity, &c. After a stately treat at University College, by Mr. Boyse, (the Proctor this year) where we had ditto ingenious Dr. Plot's company, with much ado got out of town, but rode unreasonably hard to reach our journey's end at Banbury. Inquisitive for the tomb of Mr. Whateley, the famous minister there, but found none,

nor for Dr. Harris, though several relations of both these eminent divines. Rode in the evening to Byfield.

27. Over the hills by Daventry, a large market-town, to Lutterworth, where the famous Wickliff was parson, anno Dom. 1384, whose picture we see in the town, but no memorial in the church. Thence over the moor to Leicester, where a memorable cross. Transcribed the monuments (of which that of Heyrick is the most remarkable,) I found in St. Mary's a collegiate church, built by Henry Duke of Lancaster, who also erected an hospital for one hundred and ten poor people, and lies there interred, but without any monument that I could find or be informed of: and so doth the great Cardinal Wolsey, who died here heart-broken in his journey to London. There is also Wigston's hospital. Then rid eighteen tedious long miles over the moor &c. to Nottingham, which glories in a delicate castle, the present seat of the Duke of Newcastle, which we only had the prospect of, it being eight o'clock at night: as also of Holme Pierrepoint, which, three miles off, seems a stately structure, but, though desirous enough, had not time to see. Went immediately to St. Mary's church, transcribed the epitaph from a stately monument of black and white marble, for the first and second Earls of Clare, of the religious family of the Hollises, but found none as I expected, for the Earl of Kingston's family. Afterwards tran-

scribed an account of Mr. Hanley's benefaction from the front of his hospital, with trouble enough, (because late and dark,) but that the agreeableness of the employ were greatful.

28. Morning, up pretty early: got well over the spacious Sherwood forest, which is deservedly esteemed the greater mercy, because very lately there had been great abuses and robberies committed there. From Mansfield, a great market town, over the moors and through some country villages to Rotherham, a large market town, where was born that famous benefactor, Thomas Rotherham, archbishop of York, whose college is now quite demolished, and succeeded, alas! by no pious foundation that I could be informed of. Thence by Wombwell, a seat of an ancient family of the same name, who have in tradition, that one of the Saxon kings (I presume during the heptarchy, when there was plenty of them,) was starved to death in that house, where they show a kind of an old vault near the cellar, supposed to be the place: but I could not learn the king's name or the year. Then passed by Burton Grange, where is an hospital founded (with two others in different counties) by the religious and charitable Lady Mary Armine. Then by Wakefield to my own habitation in Leeds.

30. At the funeral of my worthy good friend, Mr. Samuel Sykes, Alderman, whose much lamented death is a public loss to this place. Mr. Robinson

preached a serious affecting discourse, and so is the providence, the loss of so good a magistrate, which is also accented by the death also of his brother-in-law, my dear and much valued friend, Mr. John Kirshaw, the reverend, moderate, and pious minister of Ripley, whose death I heartily condole as a public loss.

June 1. Die Dom. This town had the honour to have a sermon from another bishop, Dr. John Lake, the first vicar hereof after his Majesty's restoration, lately translated from Soder in Man to Bristol.

7. At Bridge Market, and after I had dispatched the little business I had, was importunately courted by Mr. Fairfax to accompany him to Denton, where I received all the tokens of favour I could possibly desire from the good Lord, for his cordial respects to my dear father. I lodged with my said honoured friend.

8. Die Dom. Mr. Clapham, his lordship's chaplain, preached exceedingly well, both forenoon and after. Was much pleased, on yesternight, with the good order observed in my Lord's religious family, all which was called in, and Mr. Clapham read three or four psalms and a chapter or two out of the Old Testament, and as many out of the New, and then, after a psalm sung, prayed very seriously.*

* This was Henry the fourth Lord Fairfax of Cameron, who had succeeded to the title and a part of the family estates on the death of

9. Rid to Skipton, where for six hours I was hard at work transcribing the pedigrees of the ancient and noble family of the Cliffords, Earls of Cumberland, with others they married into, from the inscriptions upon the folding pictures in the castle. Returned safe to Denton, thence by Otley home.

14. At the new cloth-market, which by order of the Mayor and Aldermen, is removed from off the bridge to the broad street above, to prevent the inconveniency from the cold air of the water in winter, and the trouble of carts and carriages in summer.

29. Die Dom. Up pretty early; walked to Gildersham, where at Mr. John Dickenson's had a curious opportunity of privacy to hear an excellent sermon from Mr. Sharp.

July 7. Advising with friends, there being a subpœna for J. C. to appear before the Lord Chief Justice Jefferies, about our meeting at cousin Fenton's of Hunslet, in November last, which (though it was lawfully acquitted at our own sessions at Leeds) is now set a foot again by the inveterate malice of Alderman Headley.

Aug. 18. Rid to Helaugh Manor; perusing some old writings relating to the Lord Wharton's family. After with Mr. Todd to visit my good brother Corlas, at Marston, where he treated us kindly and affectionately in the parsonage house, where formerly the

Thomas Lord Fairfax, the Parliamentarian general, his cousin german, in 1671.

good bishop, the excellent Dr. Morton,* the parson thereof, lived, and whence during the time of the plague at York (having made a private door out of his study for the security of his family) he went to preach to the poor visited people.

Sept. 11. Rid to York, where, after dinner, was abroad in the town, buying several things, which with a visit to cousin, the pious and reverend Mr. Whitaker, a prisoner in the castle for conscience-sake, and old Mrs. Sykes, (afterwards my grand-mother) took up rest of day.

Nov. 13. Writing to Beverley about their Saint John's seal found in a box with an inscription, in digging a grave.

Dec. 8. Reading holy Mr. Angier's Life, writ by his son-in-law, my very good friend;† and though not adequate to the extraordinary worth of that excellent and worthy person, which was the reason why Mr. Eaton (who preached his funeral sermon) and Mr. Newcome, and Mr. Tildesley, very eminent non-conformist ministers of Manchester (where I had this from ditto Mr. Tildesley) favoured not the publication of it as imperfect; yet there are in it many remarks that it would have been a thousand pities to have lost, and which may be very advantageous to the serious reader.

* Bishop of Durham; a native of York.
† Mr. Oliver Heywood.

A. D. 1695.

Oct. 5. Rose early; reading with delight manuscript memoirs of the pious Mr. Edward Reyner, of Lincoln, collected by the excellent Dr. Sampson of London, from whom I received them, with his diaries, and several original papers, particularly his call to Leeds, subscribed by my grandfather Thoresby and other magistrates, A. D. 1645.

Nov. 11. Writing to Sir Robert Hildyard, whose mother, the Lady Hildyard, was first cousin to my father-in-law.

12. With Dr. Manlove. Much afflicted with the severity of his resolution, that after the most affectionate and condescending entreaty, that he would allow me the practice of what my conscience obliges me to, he could not be won upon, but if I continued to go to church I might forbear the chapel; having, he said, done more harm than I could possibly do good, except assisted in an extraordinary measure from Heaven, declaring that I was, as well as Joseph Milner, the occasion of his putting off the sacrament, which wounded me to the heart, and so disturbed my spirit that sleep departed from my eyes.

A. D. 1696.

June 13. To Rodes-hall, to visit Esquire Rodes, or rather Mr. Hopkinson's Manuscripts, whence transcribed several pedigrees.

20. Begun transcript of Leland's Itinerary for Lancashire, and Yorkshire, courteously communicated to me by our excellent archbishop.

Aug. 29. Rid with our good vicar to meet the archbishop, whose goodness and condescension is great. He thanked me before the clergy (at the vicarage) for the honour I had done him upon the road, and for my last visit at Bishopthorpe; and he discoursed very seriously with the ministers about the confirmation of the young persons.

30. Die Dom. Went to church nigh an hour before chiming-in, to secure places even in our own pew; the church being so crowded as was never known: the Archbishop himself afterwards said, that though he had preached to great congregrations both at London and in the country, yet never the like to this. He preached excellently, from that of the Apostle John: "Little children, let no man deceive you."

31. Had the honour of a visit from his Grace, with Mr. Thornton and most of the clergy in these parts, but was too much straitened in time to receive that advantage I might otherwise have had from his lordship's instructive converse.

A. D. 1697.

Jan. 23. Transcribing Mr. Hopkinson's Manuscripts till light.*

* This was the MS. of West Riding Genealogies. Much of the

Feb. 18. To visit poor uncle [Idle] who seemed to be upon the borders of eternity, which much affected me; I heartily joined with the good vicar, dear aunt, and others, in prayer with him. After was prevailed with to go with the good vicar to Sheepscar, where he baptized my brother Hough's first-born, Edmund. The Lord grant that he may imitate his excellent grandfather of that name! Had excellent company of the good vicar, Parson Robinson, &c., yet mightily dejected in spirits in respect of my poor uncle's weakness: whither hasted about five, and stayed with more satisfaction in the house of mourning, endeavouring to sustain my dear aunt under so heavy a trial: prayed with and for her as well as for him, that the Lord would mercifully grant him pardon of all sin, and receive him graciously, for the blessed Jesus' sake. He died more calmly, in a slumber as it were, (very like to my late father Sykes) about ten this evening.

19. Hasted to the house of mourning, where stayed the whole day, endeavouring to solace my dear aunt, who is above measure dejected.

20. Wrote to my uncle's affectionate friend, Sir William Lowther, to acquaint him; that another commissioner be appointed in his place, he being the only alderman of this Borough that was in the commission.*

resby's leisure time at this period was employed in making a complete transcript of it.

* Of the Capitation Act.

21. Die Dom. Assisting at the funeral. The vicar preached excellently, from John v. 28, 29.

March 2. Received a visit from Mr. B. D., Mr. T. F., and W. W., whose arguments I thought a little too harsh, and especially with respect to the Doctor's [Manlove] sentiments and severe determination, that for what can at the worst be pretended only inexpedient, and in my apprehension, after the strictest scrutiny, saw my duty, that I durst not be found in the omission, should dare to deny to dispense that ordinance to one that he doth not pretend any other objection to. I was so exceedingly afflicted therewith, that I could scarce manage my business in the world.*

5. Discoursed Dr. Manlove upon my dear friend Mr. Ibbetson earnestly beseeching him to allow me the liberty of my conscience; and if he was under any present ferment, I would willingly forbear once or twice communicating; but when he so absolutely declared that nothing less than my total rejection would satisfy him, I was too full of concern to stay any longer.

23. Sent for by Dr. Manlove, and upon his receipt of a letter from the excellent Mr. Woodhouse, to accommodate the late disputes, and he was willing to admit us to the Sacrament as formerly, and yet permit me the liberty of my conscience to participate (two or three times a year) in public: and I

* See on this subject, vol. i. p. 318.

promised, for peace-sake, to refrain as statedly receiving there as at chapel, and in ordinary not to exceed three times in the year; and had more peace of mind after: for though I am thereby prevented of so frequent a communion as I designed, yet I enjoy this with his approbation, and there is less fear of the Society's being unhinged, not to say scattered, by his deserting the ministry.

May 10. Rode with Mr. J. Ibbetson to York; visited Dr. Cawton, [Colton] and afterwards solicited Dr. Nicholson about his concern: the Lord give desired success so far as may conduce to thy glory, and the good of all concerned!*

11. With my friend at the Mint in the Manor, to see the new milled-money coined. Rode to Bishop-Thorpe; stayed there perusing his Grace's collection of coins till evening.

31. All day at cousin Milner's, looking over several thousand pounds of old hammered money, collected for this year's Capitation Act: found some old pieces to complete my collection.

June 1. Rode with relations to Ledsham.

2. To visit parson Hammond, and perusing register; afternoon to visit poor uncle Daniel Sykes, of Knottingley: and to condole loss of his hopeful son Joseph, who was lately drowned at Hull, in the very prime of his days.

* The business was the marriage of Mr. Ibbetson jun. with a daughter of Dr. Nicholson.

9. Rode with my dear friend, Mr. Samuel Ibbetson and son (by the Warren-house, where we enjoyed good Mr. Torre's company) to York.

10. Rode to Bishop-Thorpe, to wait upon his Grace, with whom all forenoon, consulting about old hammered-monies coined at different sieges, &c.; was extremely pleased with some very judicious notes about coins of his Grace's own collection, from very scarce authors.

19. Writing to Dr. Gale, our new Dean; and Mr. Archdeacon Nicholson. Surprised with two messages from the Court, that they had elected me one of their Corporation. The Lord direct to what may be most for thy glory! Sent for to Major Fairfax and Alderman Dixon: after, went with them to the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, &c. Was in continued surprise and uneasiness, not knowing what to think, say, or do.

20. Die Dom. More thoughtful about ditto concern: and after in secret, much broken in spirit for fear of a snare; was earnestly desirous of divine direction and assistance.

22. Consulting friends about ditto concern of the Corporation; some very importunate for my compliance, and others as zealous against it.

23. I complied; and after dinner at the time and place appointed, took the three oaths of allegiance, supremacy, and of a common council man: but was surprised with the tender of the declaration against

the Covenant. Subscribed the Association, and had the vicar's good company with the Corporation at the treat, wherein I endeavoured to oblige the gentlemen that had so unanimously and unexpectedly voted me into their body, yet was thoughtful and solicitous for the issue, which I humbly beg may be for the glory of God and my spiritual and temporal welfare; but was somewhat eased with the previous promise of my friends (upon which I accepted the place) that in case of a vacancy upon the bench, they will employ the same interest to preserve me in my present station, except I see reason to alter my sentiments as to my fitness to discharge the duties of such a station.

24. Most of the day within, transcribing Dr. Sampson's papers of ejected ministers. Evening, with Dr. Manlove, Mr. Ibbetson, and brother Thoresby: was much afflicted at the unexpected severity and estrangedness that was amongst us on this account: some of the arguments for a resignation, namely, the dishonour of coming in after so many that might with ease have been preceded, I laid no stress in the world upon.

Nov. 2. Rode with the Corporation in their formalities (the first time the assistants had gowns) to proclaim the peace.

Dec. 3. Accompanied the Mayor and Mr. Hadley to view the river, in order to have it made navigable; Mr. Kirk and I followed the windings of the water.

and measured it with his surveying-wheel; viewed the several mills and shallows, and with much ado finished as far as Ferry-bridge against night, ten miles by land, twenty by water.

4. Got brother Rayner's assistance down the river to Weland, observed the sands, &c., and upon the whole, the ingenious Mr. Hadley questions not its being done, and with less charge than expected, affirming it the noblest river he ever saw not already navigable. Evening, received a kind letter from Dr. Gale, concerning the honour done me at Gresham College, in voting me Fellow of the Royal Society. Lord, make me useful in my generation, and preserve me from insinuating, proud thoughts!

13. To view the river, being the highest flood that has been in the memory of man, above half-a-quarter higher than that thirty-three years since.

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